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'Look who's conflicted'

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REPORTER

With the Senate set on moving forward with the impeachment trial for Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on May 13, members of the House of Representatives and Senate minority members have raised concerns regarding a conflict of interest for Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) who also serves as the presiding impeachment officer in the upcoming proceedings.

» Conflict of interest claims made against presiding impeachment officer

According to Rep. Tina Sablan (D-Saipan), the arguments made by Torres' counsel Anthony Aguon, hangs heavily on allegations of conflict of interests, yet is silent on Hofschneider's own conflict, since the Senate

CNMI DOL resolves all audit issues on PUA

The U.S. Department of Labor has praised the CNMI Department of Labor for successfully hurdling an audit of the CNMI Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program.

USDOL Regional Administrator Nicholas E. Lalpui notified Labor Secretary Vicky Be-

nave last April 18, 2022, that CNMI DOL has resolved all programmatic issues that US-DOL had identified in its audit of the CNMI's implementation of the PUA program.

USDOL conducted an enhanced desk monitoring re-

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president also stands to benefit if Torres is impeached and removed from office.

"The governor's motion to dismiss hangs heavily on the conflict of interest he alleges I had when I participated in the investigation of Torres' misconduct and when I voted on impeachment," she said. On



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that note, Sablan said, if there
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- Yellow
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Source: Office of the Governor



FIT-TO-LEAD CAMPAIGN

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs Tuesday Directive 2022-001 to implement the CNMI Executive Branch's FIT-TO-LEAD Health and Wellness Campaign. In the photo, mixed martial arts champion Frank "The Crank" Camacho joins Torres and members of his Cabinet to discuss ways to live healthier, and the FIT-TO-LEAD Health and Wellness Campaign.

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Whale carcass washes up on Tinian



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CORRESPONDENT

The carcass of what seems to be a sperm whale, measuring

about 30 to 40 feet, washed up last Saturday at about 15 feet from shore on Tinian's Long Beach, the side of the island

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Arrivals up 1,603% in March

Arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota grew 1,603% to 4,155 visitors in March 2022, compared to 244 visitors received in March

2021, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The figure is an overall decrease of 88% from 35,295 visitors received in March

2019, marking another month of small gains in a continued challenging road ahead for the recovery of the Marianas tourism economy.

A majority of visitors in March arrived from South

Korea, the Marianas' largest source market prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, with 2,832 visitors arriving. This compares to February 2021, when the Marianas received

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Magofna refuses to take part in 'illegality' of Senate's appointment

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said, she would not accept the Senate president's appointment.

Rep. Corina Magofna (D-Saipan) claims that the Senate's appointment for her to serve as the House impeachment prosecutor was illegal and she will not participate in its alleged illegality.

According to Magofna, she wanted to clarify that the reason she declined to serve as the House impeachment prosecutor, which became one of the reasons there are no prosecutors at all in the impeachment proceedings against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, was because it was allegedly unconstitutional for Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) to "overreach" into the House and dictate to House Speaker Edmund Villagomez who the prosecutors should be.

"I didn't decline the appointment of prosecutor because it was the easy way out or because I lacked the confidence to present the evidence. I declined the Senate president's appointment because it was 'unconstitutional' for the Senate president to infringe into the House and dictate who the prosecutors should be, plain and simple. For the Senate president to tell the House who should bring in the evidence and who should present its case—this is very disrespectful, unprofessional, and most importantly, unconstitutional," she said.

Because of this, Magofna



Magofna

"I will not take part in the illegality of the Senate's appointment. We both took an oath to uphold the Commonwealth's Constitution. So for the record, I am part of the House team of impeachment prosecutors. The House and the House alone should be able to pick who presents the record and presents the evidence. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding," Magofna said.

Also, Magofna described as "untrue" the Senate president's statement that she failed to timely file an appearance resulting in the Senate president prohibiting her from participating in the impeachment proceedings. She explained that she, and four other House representatives, filed a timely notice to appear as a team of prosecutors.

"On March 30 at approximately 2:29pm I filed my notice to appear. The [Senate president's] office received this notice. I would like to clear the record. I did file and submit my response to the Senate clerk on the day it was due, at least two hours before the deadline and I have a copy of the document to prove it. I don't appreciate Hofschneider telling the public that I 'failed to timely file an appearance' because it's simply not true. In fact, the House of Representatives filed a timely notice

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Martin D. Leon Guerrero, 70

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Bank of Guam announced yesterday that board treasurer and assistant secretary Martin D. Leon Guerrero passed away on April 21, 2022, at the age of 70.

Leon Guerrero was appointed to the Bank of Guam board of directors in 1990. During his 32 years of service, he previously held roles as Audit Committee, vice-chairman; Trust Committee, chairman; and Nominating & Governance Committee, vice-chairman, as well as membership on various other bank committees. Leon Guerrero also



Leon Guerrero

served as treasurer and assistant secretary on the board of BankGuam Holding Co., the bank's parent company since its inception in 2011.

"Martin was a humble and brilliant man who cared deeply for his family, colleagues and community. We will always remember his commitment to our bank, our familia, and the lasting impact he has made on all those we serve. We extend our love and appreciation to his family for sharing this incredible man with us, he will be deeply missed," said Joaquin P. LG. Cook, the bank's president and chief executive officer. (PR)

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Pregnant inmate's compassionate release motion opposed

The U.S. Attorney's Office has opposed the request of an eight-month pregnant inmate for compassionate release, saying she appears to have continued using methamphetamine, or "ice," even while pregnant.

In a response that assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe submitted to the U.S. District Court for the NMI last Monday, April 25, he asked the

court to deny Vickilyn Manglona Teregeyo's request for compassionate release and pointed out that the court had already considered Teregeyo's reasons as grounds for compassionate release when it sentenced her to three months imprisonment followed by three months home confinement at a revocation hearing last March 25.

"Since that revocation hear-

ing, there have been no substantial changes to defendant's circumstances, besides the fact that defendant is closer to her pregnancy due date. Indeed, defendant is actually now in a worse position to request compassionate release because the laboratory analysis of defendant's urine sample taken at her revocation hearing on March 25, 2022, confirmed she had methamphetamine in her system and methamphetamine was found inside her jail cell on March 27, 2022," said Backe. "Second, this court should consider what is best for the health and safety

of defendant's unborn child, and not what is most convenient for defendant."

Backe cited Teregeyo's Guam case "when her then-attorney filed a motion for temporary release due to her impending pregnancy. The magistrate judge granted the motion over the government's objection."

"When [Teregeyo] gave birth, both she and the baby tested positive for methamphetamine. This clearly demonstrates that [Teregeyo]—under almost the exact same circumstances—has no regard for the safety of her unborn child, and that she cannot (and should

not) be trusted to comply with any court-imposed conditions of release," said Backe.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Manglona scheduled to hear Teregeyo's petition today, April 27 at 8:30am. According to Backe, evidence will be presented that is related to this discovery during the hearing.

Teregeyo had asked the court last April 18 for compassionate release and for her sentence to be modified to home confinement as she is due to give birth soon. She is represented by Richard Miller.

Teregeyo is serving a three-month prison sentence

in the CNMI Department of Corrections.

Teregeyo was convicted in Guam for the offense of drug user in possession of a firearm and ammunition, but was allowed by the federal court system to serve her probation—later revoked—in the CNMI. **(Leigh Gases)**

3 CNMI sites to take part in Prescription Take Back Day

Three health sites in the CNMI will be participating in the 22nd National Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday, April 30, from 10am to 2pm, during which they will accept unused prescription drugs and vaping device products for disposal.

The three sites in the CNMI that are taking part in this Drug Enforcement Administration-led activity are the Outpatient Pharmacy at the Commonwealth Health Center, the Rota Health Center, and the Tinian Health Center. They will be joining thousands of collection sites around the country, including in Guam, that offers free and anonymous disposal of unneeded medications at more than 4,000 local drop-off locations nationwide. This event facilitates DEA's ongoing efforts to combat the rise of overdoses plaguing the United States.


Shawn N. Anderson, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, will join the DEA for this event.

Working in close partner-


ship with local law enforcement, Take Back Day has removed more than 7,600 tons of medication from circulation since its inception.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that over 105,000 people died in the United States in the 12-month period ending Oct. 31, 2021, as the result of drug overdoses. This marks the largest number of drug-related deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period. Opioid related deaths accounted for 75 percent of all overdose deaths during this time. In 2021, citizens of Guam and the CNMI turned in over 2,270 pounds of unneeded prescription medication.

The following sites in Guam are designated to receive unused prescription drugs and vaping device products: Agana Shopping Center (Center Court); Andersen Air Force Base Exchange (Main Base Exchange); Dededo Senior Center (Front Entrance); Inarajan Mayor's Office (Front Entrance); and Naval Base Guam - Navy Exchange (Food Court). **(PR)**



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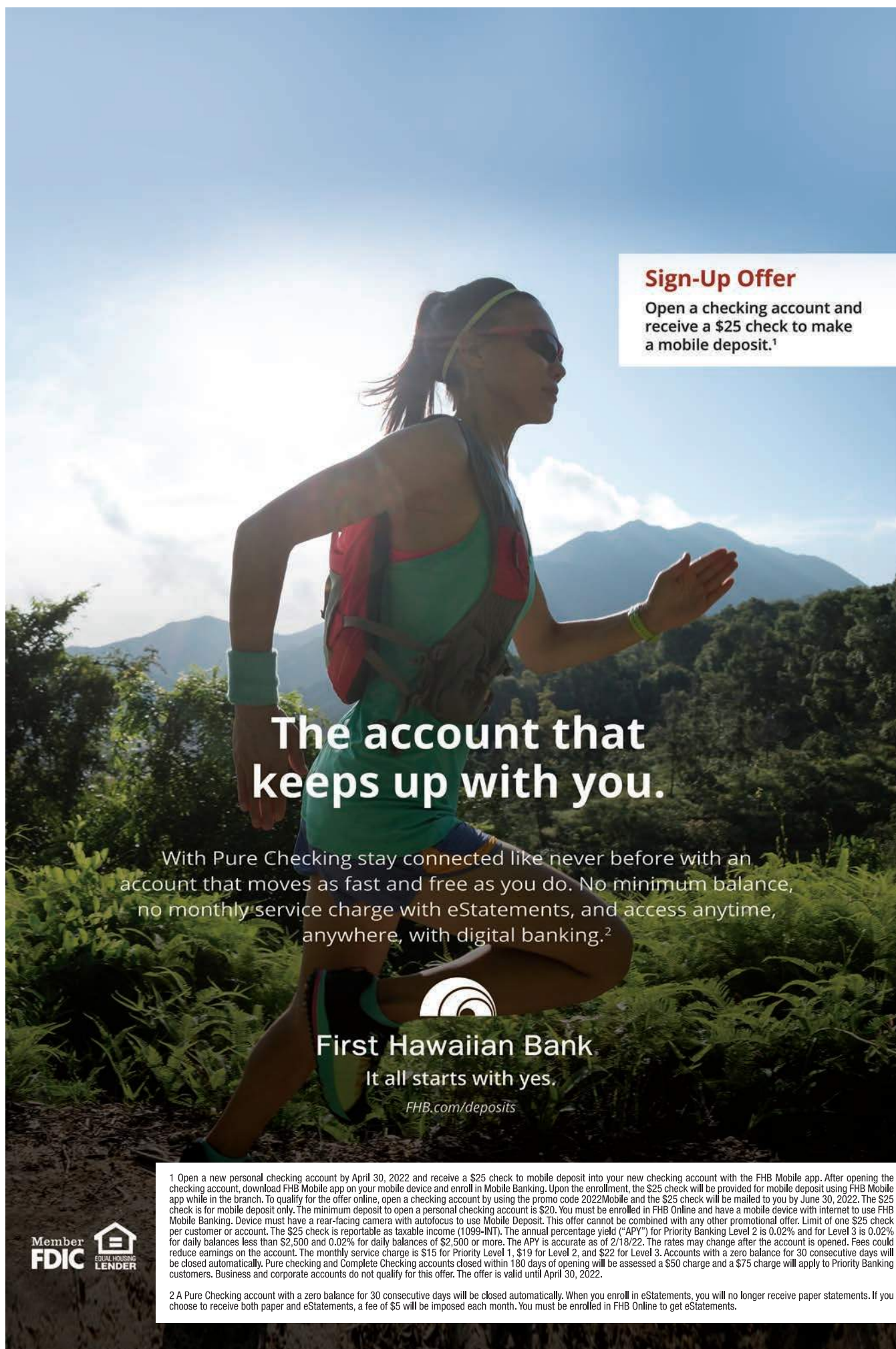
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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Seventeenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Work Session on Thursday, April 28, 2022 and Friday, April 29, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Saipan Coral Ocean Resort, 2nd Floor Banquet Room, Saipan.

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USDA invests nearly \$800M to combat climate change across rural America

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In honor of Earth Day 2022, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Friday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing nearly \$800 million

in climate-smart infrastructure in 40 states, Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands. These investments will strengthen the health and livelihoods of people across rural

America. They include funding for 165 projects to expand access to safe water and/or clean energy for people living in disadvantaged communities.

“People in rural America

are experiencing the impacts of climate change in many ways. This includes more severe droughts, more frequent wildfires, and more destructive and life-threatening storms,” Vilsack said. “When we invest in infrastructure in rural communities, we are investing in our planet, and we’re also investing in the peace of mind families will have when kids are drinking clean and safe tap water in their homes.”

The 165 projects in Friday’s announcement will help advance equity in rural communities, especially in those that have been socially vulnerable, distressed and underserved for far too long.

Clean energy infrastructure and energy efficiency improvements

USDA is investing \$787 million in renewable energy in-

rastructure in 36 states to help agricultural producers, rural small business owners and residents lower energy costs and make energy-efficiency improvements. The department is making the investments under the Electric Loan Program and the Rural Energy for America Program.

Through REAP, the department is helping 157 rural businesses and agricultural producers get access to clean energy, while reducing their carbon footprint to make their business operations more cost-effective.

The Electric Program funding includes nearly \$67 million for smart grid technologies that improve system operations and monitor grid security.

Infrastructure improvements for communities hit by severe weather

USDA is investing \$12 million to help rural communities hit by severe weather. The funds will benefit people living in 17 states, the Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico. The department is making the investments under the Community Facilities Disaster Grants program and the Water and Waste Disposal Disaster Loan and Grant Program.

The funds will help communities build back better by mitigating health risks and increasing access to safe, reliable drinking water and sanitary waste disposal services. Funds also will purchase emergency response equipment to help communities be better prepared and more resilient in the face of disaster.

For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov. (PR)

Docomo Pacific introduces WorkPass

TAMUNING, Guam—Docomo Pacific, regional leader in innovation, telecommunications, and entertainment, offers its new Docomo Pacific WorkPass, powered by Plume to better suit its business customers’ needs in Guam and the CNMI.

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WHALE

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facing Saipan.

Gilbert Borja, director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife on Tinian, said in a phone interview that the Department of Public Safety called him at about 4pm Saturday to ask him to go to Long Beach because a dead whale carcass had washed up on shore.

According to Borja, the

carcass probably washed ashore “the night before or early in the morning because it smelled so bad” by the time Borja, Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, and DFW staff got there in the afternoon.

He said they observed that the whale had a big chunk bitten off its tail, which might be the cause of its death.

The Long Beach area was then closed off with caution tape to deter residents. How-

ever, there were already some residents taking pictures and videos of the carcass when Borja and his staff got there.

Borja called DFW on Saipan to see if they could get samples from the carcass. He was then informed to tie up the carcass to a big rock so it doesn’t float away until someone gets to Tinian to see the whale. However, Borja was later told that DFW Saipan is currently unable to get to Tin-

ian due to funding issues, so Borja is awaiting instruction from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Hawaii on what to do with the rotting whale carcass.

Borja hopes that DFW Tinian hears back from NOAA in Hawaii soon because the carcass is rotting and stinking up the area under the heat of the sun.

Veronica Layugan, who was on Tinian with her friends for a leisure trip, later posted a video as expeditiously as possible within the confines of law.”

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres thanked Benavente and the CNMI DOL team for their hard work in adhering to the strict federal guidelines set by USDOL since the beginning of the pandemic.

“To receive a commendation from USDOL for satisfying all federal requirements is an achievement worth highlighting, as the CNMI DOL PUA program has worked tirelessly and under great pressure to provide much-needed assistance to all eligible CNMI applicants who have been economically impacted by COVID-19. To get the program up and running in the short amount of time we had and to provide this assistance

clip of the carcass on Facebook. When asked about it, she said, “The smell was crazy! It smelled like dead rat.”

Layugan said she didn’t see what was done to the carcass, but “I hope they do remove it. Can’t imagine what it’ll do to the waters if it’s there until now.”

The Long Beach area has now seen two dead whales wash up on its shores and one dead whale in Masolog Beach a few years ago.

during a global health pandemic is a feat in itself, but to receive a commendation from our federal partners in light of all the challenges we have faced along the way is a testament to the CNMI government’s commitment to public service and the resiliency of our citizens and employees,” he said.

As a reminder, claimants are responsible for providing true and accurate information, reading the PUA benefit rights information handbook, and complying with requests for information.

For more information, contact the CNMI Department of Labor – PUA Program at 322-8870/8871/8872/8873/8874 or email info@puamarianas.com. (Saipan Tribune)

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view of the CNMI’s PUA program from March 19, 2021, to Sept. 17, 2021. The purpose of the audit was to determine compliance with grant agreements and applicable legislative, regulatory, programmatic, and fiscal requirements.

USDOL inspected the local program’s policies and procedures, access to claims services, protection of personally identifiable information, staffing, information technology, system production, system maintenance and upkeep, interfaces and quality control, program reporting, and fiscal management. The audit revealed three findings, two areas of

concern, and seven promising practices (program functions or activities that demonstrate effectiveness). Lalpui’s latest letter to Benavente commends CNMI DOL for successfully resolving all issues. Essentially, the CNMI DOL PUA program is found compliant with all applicable federal requirements.

The audit closure notification comes after five months of collaboration between the USDOL and CNMI DOL to resolve pertinent statutory, regulatory, programmatic, and fiscal issues.

“This is welcoming news for the entire CNMI because it demonstrates to the federal government as well as other states and territories the capability and tenacity of the CNMI in handling an unprecedented

and complex program of this magnitude,” said Benavente.

“The fact that the Department of Labor management and staff continue to work under high-stress environments amidst a global pandemic is a testament to their professionalism, dedication, and resolve,” she added. “Without the support we received from the federal government and this administration, we would not have made it this far.”

Benavente clarified that, although federal requirements are now satisfied, “we are not necessarily out of the woods. I am aware of some claimants who are awaiting additional monetary assistance, so the department must continue to strive to push out payments

president, who would ascend to lieutenant governor, as the Constitution provides. Why is Aguon not calling out the Senate president? Why is he not accusing him of conflict and demanding his recusal? Is there a close familial relationship between the Senate president and the governor’s counsel that has not been disclosed? What about the relationship between Aguon and his co-counsel, Viola Alepuyo, who helped draft the rules for the Senate’s impeachment trial? No conflict there? Maybe just a lot of hypocrisy,” she said.

As of 7pm press time, the Senate president had yet to issue his statement on these concerns.

Sablan pointed out that she had consulted with lawyers and was assured that there is no conflict of interest on her part.

“I consulted with several attorneys before and after I accepted the Democratic nomination for governor. There was no conflict for me. The law prohibits public officials from voting on official decisions if they may benefit from the matter under consideration, unless the potential benefit is incidental to the position. A

benefit is incidental if the official receives it by virtue of holding that position. A salary is incidental to a position. That is the case here,” she said.

“However, I am still just a candidate for governor, and we have a long way to go before November. The potential benefit of the governor’s salary is not only incidental, it is also totally speculative for me. In other words, I still have to win an election regardless of what happens with Ralph Torres in impeachment. In the meantime, I remain a legislator, with a job to do and a constitutional oath to faithfully

uphold. And I will continue to do so as long as I am in office,” Sablan added.

During last Friday’s special session to vote on Torres’ motion to dismiss the Articles of Impeachment, Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) brought up Sablan’s allegation of Hofschneider’s possible “conflict of interest,” specifically that the Senate president would become lieutenant governor if the governor is convicted and removed from office.

He also raised the question of close familial ties between Torres’ legal counsel and the Senate president.

ARRIVALS

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only one visitor from South Korea. The Marianas has 12 flights operated by five airlines arriving weekly from Seoul and Busan. As of March 21 all inbound passengers to Korea are no longer required to quarantine, which is expected to further drive travel demand.

The MVA is also working with major travel industry partners in Japan to reboot the market with direct flights this summer. Japan has recently eased quarantine requirements for returning residents, although overall demand for international travel remains low.

The Marianas also received 681 visitors from Guam, 515 visitors from the United States, and a combined 127 additional visitors from all other destinations in March. (MVA)

MAGOFNA

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to appear with our team of House impeachment prosecutors and the team I’m referring are Reps. BJ Attao, Celina Babauta, Leila Staffler, Donald Manglona and myself,” Magofna stated.

According to a previous memorandum issued by the Senate president, he explained that the House of Representatives was prohibited from participating and prosecuting in the hearing for Torres’ motion to dismiss the Articles of Impeachment because Magofna failed to timely file an appearance in the matter pursuant to Senate Impeachment Rule 7(a)(2).

Also, the House clerk failed to submit the House impeachment record in support of the Articles of Impeachment in compliance with Senate Impeachment Rule 9(e).

LOOK

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is a conflict of interest that should be disclosed and warrant a recusal, it would be Hofschneider’s.

“I appreciate and share Attorney Aguon’s confidence in the strength of my candidacy for governor. He talked at length about the financial benefits I would stand to gain when I am elected, but left out an obvious fact: If the Senate votes to remove Gov. Torres from office, one person in this chamber would immediately benefit: the Senate

SIS alumna to pursue master's at Harvard

Saipan International School alumna Gio Hur has been admitted to Harvard University for the fall 2022 term, where she will pursue a master's degree in Landscape Architecture.

After graduating from SIS in 2018, Hur accepted a position at University of California Berkely and she will graduate with the Bachelor of Science degree with distinction—highest honors, majoring in Landscape Architecture with dual minors in Conservation & Resource Studies and Sustainable Design on May 14, 2022.

SIS is proud of the accomplishments of this talented Gecko alumna and wishes her great success in her new endeavor. "Gio has many talents—sports, drawing,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan International School alumna Gio Hur.

dancing," said Mili Saiki, SIS business manager. "She was always very dedicated and I am happy to see she has reached her goals through hard work and determination."

This fall, Hur will begin a three-year course of study toward a Master of Science degree in Landscape Architecture. The Department of Landscape Architecture at Harvard is home to the oldest and most distinguished academic program in landscape architecture in the world. Its mission is to advance research and innovative design practices in the natural and built environments, as they intersect with processes of urbanization and the present realities of a changing climate. (SIS)

GOP retirees committee invites retirees to party's headquarters

The Republican Party of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands board directors and the retirees committee are inviting the retirees of the CNMI for a meet and greet with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and lieutenant governor candidate Vinnie F. Sablan today, April 27, 2022, from 4:30pm to 10pm. The Republican party senatorial, mayoral and congressional candidates from all precincts will be present.

Food and refreshments will

be provided and live music will play all night. Please join us and meet your fellow candidates.

"We are happy to be hosting and showcasing not only our gubernatorial candidates but our full slate to the retirees that want to join us. It's going to be a fun night and we welcome all our retirees," said Jesus Taisague, chairman of the retirees committee under the GOP.

"This special function has been planned by our very ac-

tive retirees committee. We are excited to showcase our [headquarters] and have all of our old and new constituents mingle with our full slate," said GOP president Candace Celis.

"The retirees have always been my priority in my administration and for the future. We can never forget their hard work [that] got us here. We will continue to ensure that our retirees get 100% of their pay. Can't wait to see them all [today]," said Torres. (PR)



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 <p>2018 TOYOTA COROLLA iM BASE FWD HATCHBACK STOCK #: SP22P0003 Mileage: 58,988</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">NOW \$19,999*</p>	 <p>2019 TOYOTA TACOMA RWD ACCESS CAB STOCK #: SP22R0043 Engine: Regular Unleaded I-4 2.7 L/164 Mileage: 19,378</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">NOW \$20,999*</p>	 <p>2018 TOYOTA CAMRY FWD 4DR CAR STOCK #: SP21P0176 Trans: 8-Speed Automatic w/OD Mileage: 43,3963</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-15deg); opacity: 0.5;">SOLD</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">NOW \$21,999*</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">WAS \$22,999*</p>
 <p>2016 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LE FWD SPORT UTILITY STOCK #: SP22P0013 Trans: 6-Speed Automatic w/OD Mileage: 56,897</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">NOW \$23,999*</p>	 <p>2019 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LE FWD SPORT UTILITY STOCK #: SP22P0017 Trans: 6-Speed Automatic w/ OD Mileage: 53,143</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">NOW \$29,999*</p>	 <p>2021 MAZDA CX-5 GRAND TOURING AWD SPORT UTILITY STOCK #: SP22P0021 Trans: 6-Speed Automatic w/OD Mileage: 6,438</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">NOW \$34,999*</p>

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 055

Opening Date: April 14, 2022
Closing Date: April 28, 2022

POSITION TITLE:
DEPARTMENT:
LOCATION:
ANNUAL SALARY:
CONTRACT:
POSITION(S):

Fiscal Analyst
CFO/Accounting
Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA
\$37,756.00 - \$50,970.00 per annum, Exempt
Contracted
One (1)

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of CFO/Accounting Division.

Duties:


- The Fiscal Analyst may lead and/or supervise staff to include prioritizing and assigning work.
- Conducting performance evaluations.
- Ensuring staff is trained.
- Ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures.
- Maintaining a healthy and safe working environment.
- Making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Reviews, accounts for, and prepares various financial data such as: reconciling journal entries; accounts receivable aging, summary billing, accounting accruals, recording fixed asset costs or depreciation, calculating and posting payments, adjustments or allotments; and/or accounts payable invoice payments.
- May provide guidance, coordination and/or journal entries during account closing periods.
- Performs analysis, verifies fiscal data, and prepares various management reports.
- Provided inventory monitoring and status reports; reviews purchase order status, vendor statements, and performs quality checks for verification of services or materials received.
- Provides analytical support to internal and external customers and stakeholders.
- Reviews documents and provides guidance in completion of forms; responds to inquiries or issues; researches and provides information on processes and procedures.
- Assists with annual audits by preparing schedules, repots and providing technical support.
- May provide supervision or coordination of physical inventory processes; reconciliation of inventory balances in preparation for financial reporting; and/or monitoring vehicle maintenance schedules and approving vehicle repairs and maintenance.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or directly related field and 2 years of fiscal experience related to area of assignment.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances. Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); generally accepted accounting principles; financial analysis principles and techniques; advanced mathematical concepts; research methods; customer service principles; modern office technology.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and other applicable standards. Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Providing guidance and leading work activities (based on assignment); Prioritizing activities and meeting deadlines; Preparing financial information, adjustments and entries related to general ledger; Researching, compiling, calculating and reconciling data and information; Researching technical issues, solving problems and providing solutions; Monitoring and maintaining fiscal account information and reporting; Reconciling data, preparing adjustments and posting account and journal entries; Providing attention to accuracy and detail; Preparing reports, correspondence and related fiscal documentation; Providing customer services; Providing technical guidance related to financial systems; Maintaining databases and financial records; Assisting with audits, inventory processes and/or equipment maintenance schedules; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22-059

Opening Date: 04/14/2022
Closing Date: 04/28/2022

POSITION TITLE:
DEPARTMENT:
LOCATION:
ANNUAL SALARY:
CONTRACT:
POSITION(S):

Human Resources Technician
COA/Human Resources
Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA
\$20,826.00 - \$28,115.00 per annum, Non-Exempt
Not Contracted
One (1)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is seeking for a qualified Human Resources Technician. Under the direct supervision of the Human Resources Manager or his/her designee the responsibilities will be as follows:

Duties:

- Provides administrative and technical support tasks for daily Human Resource operational functions; provides administrative assistance with benefits, training, payroll and recruiting activities, information tracking and documentation.
- Receives processes and verifies forms and completion of required information; enters and maintains Human Resource information systems data, files and records; maintains confidential personnel files and records.
- Assists employees and the public by providing information related to HR processes and procedures; retrieves and reviews data and resources to provide response to inquiries; or, refer inquiries or requests to appropriate resource.
- Performs research and verifies information; performs calculations; processes timekeeping information; compiles and maintains data for audit purposes.
- May process job vacancy announcements and assist in employment interview.
- Prepares forms and reports; drafts correspondence and templates; assists with gathering, documenting and maintaining information for programs, projects, training, recruitment, benefits or other areas.
- Assists management with special projects, information tracking and reporting.
- Monitors supply needs and prepare requests for replacement or acquisition; monitors equipment maintenance requirements and schedules services as required.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Successful candidates for the position must have the following:

Education: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 2 years of human resource or legal office experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Human Resource principles and practices; Program administration principles; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Research methods; Database and records management principles; Modern office technology. **Skill In:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Administering and monitoring programs, policies and processes; Coordinating the implementation of human resource services; Researching and analyzing program-related data and resource information; Providing customer service; Interpreting policies and providing relevant information and guidance; Prioritizing work in order to meet time-sensitive program deadlines; Tracking and auditing data, forms, records and documentation; Preparing reports, correspondence, and program support materials; Updating and maintaining information systems and confidential records; Coordinating and assisting with projects; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Licensing:

- Valid CNMI Driver's License with appropriate class.


Physical Demands:

- Occasional lifting of objects, Subject to standing, walking, sitting, bending, reaching, kneeling, pushing and pulling.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22-060

Opening Date: 04/14/2022
Closing Date: 04/28/2022

POSITION TITLE:
DEPARTMENT:
LOCATION:
ANNUAL SALARY:
CONTRACT:
POSITION(S):

Trades Assistant
Wastewater Division
Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA
\$16,742.00 to \$22,602.00 per annum, Non- Exempt
Not Contracted
Two(2)

The incumbent will be under the overall supervision of the Drinking Water & Wastewater Division Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the Wastewater Division.

Duties:

- The Trades Assistant assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools.
- Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues.
- Responds to trouble calls as needed.
- Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site.
- Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used.
- Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete.
- Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports.
- Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities.
- Performing daily well and pump station facility maintenance, cleaning and monitoring;
- Assisting plumbing and chlorine maintenance crew;
- Utilizing digging equipment for locating and repairing leaks;
- Repairing and securing pressure reducer valves, main valves, service lines and laterals, and booster pumps;
- Assisting with meter installation and repair;
- Collecting water samples;
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education.
Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.



Licensing/Certification:

- Valid U.S. Driver's License with appropriate class;

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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL
AND ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL
CUC-RAESP-22-019

A&E Design Services and Construction Management and Project Inspection
the for Agag Booster Pump and Electrical System Upgrade (W21-081)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for the Design Services and Construction Management and Project Inspection of the Agag Booster Pump and Electrical System Upgrade in Papago Drive, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RAESP-22-019, A&E Design Services and Construction Management and Project Inspection for Agag Booster Pump and Electrical System Upgrade”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2022. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.**

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Consultant's preparation of a proposal under the contract. The RAESP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the statement of qualifications under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Consultants are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RAESP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 22, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater, Acting Chief Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org; Dennis Formalejo, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior – via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

MTEC scholarship application deadline on April 29

The Marianas Tourism Education Council reminds graduating seniors that applications for the school year 2021-2022 MTEC scholarship program is April 29, 2022.

The program aims to award a \$2,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship for two high school seniors who have been members of a MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Club for at least one year in high school. Graduating high school seniors pursuing higher education are eligible to apply.

"The MTEC board continues to focus on tourism and education initiatives," said

MTEC acting chairwoman Vicky Benavente. "We're looking forward to awarding the scholarship to a 2022 CNMI high school graduate."

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have at least one-year membership in a high school MY WAVE Club (Verification letter with signature from MWC advisor, school counselor or administrator)

- Submission of official transcript from last high school attended showing GPA of 3.0 or higher

- Recommendation letter from a current or former teacher,

MY WAVE Club advisor, counselor or administrator

- Essay submission from applicant, describing career pathway/goals and purpose of study (300-500 words essay limit, typed)

- Acceptance letter from university or college applied to

- Three proof of MY WAVE CLUB active participation

- Submission of the MY WAVE Club/Community Involvement Summary

- Submission of letter(s) of acceptance from a college or university(ies) applied to

Applications are available at

the Marianas Visitors Authority office. The first MTEC scholarship was issued in 2017 to Saipan Southern High School graduate Renafe Aniga.

In addition to Benavente, MTEC board members include Priscilla M. Iakopo (Marianas Visitors Authority), Martin Duenas (Marianas Visitors Authority), Galvin Deleon Guerrero (North-

ern Marianas College), Larry Lee, Naomi Nishimura (CNMI Public School System), Gordon Marciano (PDI), Catherine Perry (Integrity Communications), and Glenn Policare (Kanoa Resort).

For an application or more information, contact MVA Community Projects specialist Jack Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or 664-3200. (MTEC)

CUC creates new training division

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has created a new division, Development and Certification, specifically for staff training.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said the new division will handle all staff training and will include those

on Tinian and Rota. Training used to fall under CUC's Human Resources Department.

"We are going to heavily address any deficiencies within our labor force and identify qualified trainers. This is at all levels, both the operation and the administrative level, all the way up to the

board," said Camacho. "We're always looking to establish and strengthen our workforce for a variety of reasons, most especially safety. And, of course, we want to be as efficient and effective as possible."

Under development right now is a new training program for power generation and all levels of electrical,

mechanical, and operations, Camacho said. Currently, CUC is trying to identify the funding source for that program and once it's set, the training will be initiated.

CUC also has had certifications in customer service "and we want to expand that a little bit more," said Camacho. (Leigh Gases)



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:	Opening Date	Closing Date
2022-015	CDBG-DR Internal Auditor (1-Position) RE-ANNOUNCEMENT	UNGRADED \$50,000.00 to \$65,000.00 per annum	April 11, 2022	May 11, 2022 4:00 PM
2022-016	CDBG-DR Project Supervisor (1-Position) RE-ANNOUNCEMENT	UNGRADED \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00 per annum	April 11, 2022	May 11, 2022 4:00 PM

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information can be accessed at www.nmhcgov.net and www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com.


Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; the CDBG-DR Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Ladera Building, Chalan Laulau, Beach Road; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.


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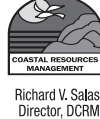


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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
DATE: April 27, 2022

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the National Park Service (NPS) regarding the proposed construction of a picnic site and ADA-compliant walkway at the American Memorial Park in Micro Beach. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at: <https://dcrim.gov.mp/czma-cd-nps-amp-micro-beach-picnic-area-apr-2022/>.

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resources Management at fedcon@dcrim.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published in compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on April 27, 2022, and ending on May 12, 2022. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

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Time to examine whether minor vehicle infractions merit police stops

One big question deserves to be on every police officer's mind when pulling a motorist over for a relatively minor offense: Is this stop really worth the violent confrontation or death that could follow? Even if cops aren't asking that question, city governments are, and they increasingly are concluding that, no, it's better to let the offender move on than risk yet another tragedy that undermines public trust in the police.

On April 4 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, an officer stopped a Black driver for having a license plate that didn't match his car. The unarmed driver, Patrick Lyoya, made a series of horrendous decisions that escalated into confrontation. In video, the officer wrestles Lyoya to the ground and straddles his back. He then pulls his gun and shoots Lyoya in the back of the head. A license plate violation effectively yielded a death sentence.

There are scores of other horrific examples that resulted in the suspect's death—which is not to suggest that the suspects weren't at fault. Ideally, police training would be revamped so that officers' first reaction in tense situations would not be to assume the worst if the suspect seems distrustful of police. Ideally, civilian interaction with police would be so common that trust between both sides would build rather than deteriorate to today's levels, where some people, particularly Black young men, worry that they could die simply for asserting their rights or feeling they have to run to save their own lives.

Until that magic day arrives, several cities are deciding that the next best thing is for police to stand down from stopping motorists for minor infractions—like, say, a non-functioning turn signal or an expired tag—to avoid potentially deadly escalations. Law enforcers argue that denying police such pretexts eliminates the potential for searches that could lead to discoveries of contraband guns or drugs.

Los Angeles has ordered cops to stop pulling over motorists for minor infractions. The New York Times reports that other cities such as Pittsburgh and Seattle—and the entire state of Virginia—have imposed similar restrictions. Some prosecutors now say that if cops turn up drugs or other contraband during a minor-infraction stop, they won't bring charges related to the contraband.

St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones has spent the past year redefining police functions and how to de-escalate situations before they result in tragic outcomes. By all means, police should step up efforts to stop motorists from engaging in the kinds of conduct that puts others' lives in danger—particularly racing through red lights and speeding. But it's also worth looking at the experience of other cities to see if their new stand-down policies are yielding positive results.

One thing's for sure: It's time to change the dynamic in which a police stop for a broken tail light yields a tragic outcome.

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The tyranny of college rankings—and why we need to leave them behind

For all those disappointed college applicants whose hopes were pinned on getting into a school highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report or some similar publication, take heart.

This is your chance to be liberated from the tyranny of college rankings.

“Tyranny” is not too strong a word. The people who publish college rankings wrap their products in a seductive veneer of professional expertise and statistical rigor. They express their evaluations in eye-catching numbers, presented in descending order (from 1 to 391, in the case of the U.S. News “national universities” list).

According to that list, UCLA, ranked 20th, is better than the University of Southern California, ranked 27th. So, it must be true.

Or is it? If you look at the methods used to produce those numbers, you will see that the entire enterprise, like the Emerald City in the Land of Oz, consists mostly of blue smoke and mirrors.

Consider the formulas used by rankers to compute those numbers. Every step in the process—from the selection of variables, the weights assigned to them and the methods for measuring them—is based on essentially arbitrary judgments.

U.S. News, for example, selects 17 metrics for its formula from among hundreds of available choices. Why does it use, say, students' SAT scores, but not their high school GPAs? Faculty salaries but not faculty teaching quality? Alumni giving, but not alumni earnings? Why does it not include items such as a school's spending on financial aid or its racial and ethnic diversity?

Likewise, the weights employed to combine those variables into a total score are completely subjective.

U.S. News has somehow concluded that a school's six-year graduation rate is worth exactly 17.6% of its overall score, but its student-faculty ratio is worth only 1%. To judge a school's “academic reputation,” it gives a whopping 20% weighting to the opinions of administrators from other colleges, most of whom know very little about the hundreds of schools they are asked to rate—other than where those colleges appeared in the previous year's ranking. And the publication gives no weight to the opinions of students or graduates.

In addition, different rankers use different ways to measure each variable. Consider graduation rates. Some are based on the percentage of students who earn a degree in six years. Others use an eight-year measure. Some include transfer students, others not. Rankers sometimes measure “student excellence” by matriculants' average SAT scores or high school GPAs or high school rank-in-

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class. Others use admissions acceptance rates or yield rates.

Even if you think the rankings formulas make sense, the calculations they rest on are based overwhelmingly on unaudited, unverified data self-reported by the very schools being ranked. Would you invest in a company based on such information?

Throughout their history, the college rankings have been plagued by allegations of fabrication and manipulation of data. In just the past month, USC, Columbia University and Rutgers University have all been accused of submitting “erroneous” or false reports to U.S. News, and a dean at Temple University was sentenced to prison in March for a fraud scheme aimed at boosting the school's prestige.

Most observers believe that these public revelations represent only the tip of a very large iceberg.

Lurking behind data manipulation lies the even larger problem of schools altering their academic practices in a desperate attempt to gain ranking points. Examples include inflating a school's fall-semester “class size index” by shifting large introductory lectures into the spring semester. Or boosting its yield rate by expanding early admissions and merit-aid programs that mostly benefit wealthy applicants at the expense of needy applicants. Or improving graduation rates by relaxing academic standards.

Finally, the rankings impose a single formulaic template on hundreds of wonderfully diverse institutions. For example, U.S. News tosses Caltech, Santa Clara University, Chapman University and Fresno State, along with UCLA and USC, into its long list of national universities, as if they were all fungible examples of a uniform product differing only by relative status.

In short, the popular “best colleges” rankings try to force America's colleges and universities into a rigid hierarchy, based on arbitrary formulas, fed by unreliable data.

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The impact of sexual assault and persons with disabilities

By GREG BORJA

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

April has been proclaimed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

I'd like to start off with a statement from our Sexual Assault Proclamation, which reads:

WHEREAS, Sexual assault does not discriminate. While some populations, like children, are more vulnerable, anyone can be a victim of sexual assault, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, faith, socioeconomic status, or ability.

A person who experiences limitations to their functional abilities as a result of a mental and/or physical impairment may be considered an individual with a disability. According to the Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network, sexual assault and abuse of people with disabilities often goes unreported.

When we try to understand the crime of sexual assault against people with disabilities, we need to remember that people with different disabilities may face different challenges and have very different needs. Some disabilities may put people at higher risk for crimes like sexual assault or abuse. For example:

- Someone who needs regular assistance may rely on a person who is abusing them for care, a common factor in elder abuse. The perpetrator may use this power to threaten, coerce, or force someone into non-consensual sex or sexual activities.

- An abuser may take away access to the tools a person with a disability uses to communicate, such as a computer or phone.

- People with disabilities may be less likely to be taken seriously when they make a report of sexual assault or abuse. They may also face challenges in accessing services to make a report in the first place. For example, someone who is deaf or deaf-blind may face challenges accessing communication tools, like a phone, to report the crime or get help.

- Many people with disabilities may not understand or lack information about healthy sexuality and the types of touching that are appropriate or inappropriate. This can be especially challenging if a person's disability requires other people to touch them to provide care.

The organization, Disability Justice, found through a 2005 survey that:

- 83% of women with disabilities will be sexually assaulted

in their lives.

- 50% of girls who are deaf have been sexually abused compared to 25% of girls who are hearing; 54% of boys who are deaf have been sexually abused in comparison to 10% of boys who are hearing.

- Women with a disability are far more likely to have a history of undesired sex with an intimate partner—19.7% vs. 8.2%.

- Approximately 80% of women and 30% of men with developmental disabilities have been sexually assaulted—half of these women have been assaulted more than 10 times

We also need to consider the role of consent when speaking on sexual assault. Consent is crucial when any person engages in sexual activity, but it plays an even bigger and potentially more complicated role when someone has a disability. Again, some disabilities may make it difficult to communicate consent to participate in sexual activity, and perpetrators may take advantage of this. People with disabilities may also not be given the same education about sexuality and consent that people without disabilities receive. In addition, someone who has a developmental or intellectual disability may not have the ability to consent to sexual activity, as defined by the state laws.

Let's talk about the impact of sexual assault on survivors of sexual assault, including survivors with disabilities. Post-traumatic stress disorder is fairly common among people who have experienced sexual assault, with one study showing that roughly 70% of survivors of sexual assault experience significant levels of trauma, with 45% reporting symptoms of PTSD. Sexual assault can take a toll on an individual's physical, sexual, and behavioral health for months or even years after the event took place. The website, VeryWellMind, states that sexual assault can bring on a number of chronic physical conditions. For example, women who have been raped have been found to be more likely to experience:

- Chronic pelvic pain;
- Digestive problems; and
- Intense premenstrual symptoms

Additionally, survivors are at an increased risk of contracting a sexually transmitted infection that can lead to additional physical and emotional problems.

When we think about sexual health after surviving a sexual assault, enjoying sexual contact can be difficult. A survivor may experience low sexual desire and reduced sexual behavior.

Shame and guilt stemming from the trauma can also interfere with their desire for and satisfaction from sex.

Other than PTSD, other behavioral health may arise. Some individuals may develop conditions including:

- Eating disorders;
- Generalized Anxiety disorder, like avoiding television shows or news articles that discuss sexual assault;
- Major depression;
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder; and
- Substance use disorders.

Others, however, will continue to experience some form of psychological distress for months or years.

It is important to remember that every person is different and each copes with their experience differently as well. As a community, we should support our survivors of sexual assault as they move into recovery of this life changing event.

Everyone has the right to safety. If you or someone you know has a disability and has experienced sexual assault or abuse, there is support available. If you know of or suspect sexual assault or abuse, you can report it. Contact local law enforcement, our Department of Public Safety.

To speak with someone who is trained to help, you can contact the Wellness Clinic at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. They offer services that focus on the emotional and physical needs of crime victims, including helping people to stabilize their lives after a traumatic event. They may be reached at (670) 323-6560 or 6561.

Of course, our friends at the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence address the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault through community outreach efforts, providing training to service providers and responders, nurturing meaningful partnerships with groups or individuals, as well as working to create social change.

Individuals with disabilities who experience barriers in reporting sexual assault may contact the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. at (670) 235-7273 or 235-7274 for assistance in removing such barriers as communication or being a voice for those who can't speak for themselves.

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Wiping away the stains of racism

On March 29, President Joe Biden signed the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, making lynching a federal hate crime. Though we celebrate this historic moment, many are left questioning why this legislation took more than 100 years to enact.

Lynching was a "Southern horror" which became widespread not long after slavery ended. From the 1880s to the 1960s, white mobs terrorized and hanged thousands of Black people. In addition to the everyday occurrences of racial violence per-

petrated during this era, racial terrorists tortured, mutilated, decapitated and desecrated Black people, including children. Some were burned alive, and some had their genitals cut off and given away as souvenirs.

Announcements of upcoming lynchings were made during church services, photos were taken, postcards were printed for posterity and entire families attended as if lynching were a spectator sport.

The public display of these tortured bodies was used as a form of psychological intimidation and control to force Black people to remain subservient to systems of white supremacy that have oppressed us ever since the first slave ship landed in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1619.

There were nearly 6,500 documented lynchings between 1865 and 1950, and many more remain undocumented. Yet Congress has failed to pass this bill more than 200 times. It was not until the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, which brought a racial reckoning movement to the United States, that the anti-lynching bill was brought back into consideration, more than a century later.

Emmett Till's killers, half-brothers Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, were acquitted by an all-white, all-male jury in 1955. Emmett Till's accuser, Carolyn Bryant, still walks free. Even with the passing of this act, Till's family is still seeking justice for his murder.

Though we don't experience the same form of lynching as our ancestors, there are still "modern-day lynchings" of unarmed victims killed by purveyors of racial terror and the police, including Trayvon Martin, Sandra Bland, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice and others.

While this act imposes criminal penalties on civilians, it does

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nothing to safeguard the Black community against police officers who kill unarmed victims with impunity and avoid accountability due to the protection provided by qualified immunity. This legal doctrine shields law enforcement officers from being sued for violating a person's constitutional rights, unless those rights are "clearly established."

Alongside the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, additional legislation must be passed to fully protect Black lives. In 2020, members of the Congressional Black Caucus proposed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. But because it challenged this practice of qualified immunity, it was not passed by the Senate.

The passage of the Emmett Till Antilynching Act is tainted by the stains of U.S. history. Stains that mark the torture and pain suffered by countless Black Americans. Stains that mark the agony of mothers who have had to bury their children while never seeing justice served. Stains that mark the ways in which white supremacy devalues brown skin. Stains that continually say that we are less than human.

Stains that must be wiped away by the "arc of the moral universe" as we continue to work toward justice.

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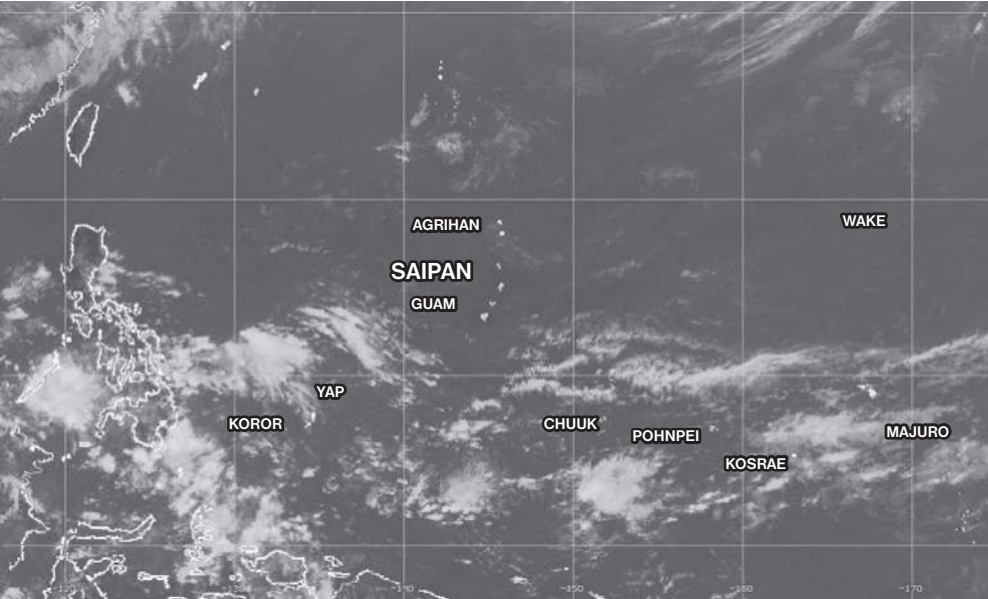
Instead of relying on someone else's subjective idea of what one should want in a college, applicants should ask themselves what they want that will serve their personal goals. Do they see college as a means to immerse themselves in a particular field of study? Obtain an impressive pedigree? Qualify for an economically rewarding career? Prepare for service to the community? Seek guidance for a life of meaning and fulfillment? Or something else?

Part of the tyranny of college rankings is their allure of simplicity. They promise to reduce the complexity of college choice to a simple number. But selecting a college is anything but simple. College is one of the most complex "products" one will ever purchase. And those four years constitute a hugely important period of exploration and personal development.

Choosing a college should be approached as an exercise of self-discovery. Getting rejected by a school highly rated by some perfect stranger may be just what it takes to set applicants on that path.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Mostly sunny, with isolated showers. East wind 16 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.		Mostly sunny, with isolated showers. East wind 16 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.		. Partly cloudy, with isolated showers.		Mostly sunny, with isolated showers.		.Partly cloudy, with isolated showers.	
87°	76°	87°	76°	87°	76°	87°	76°	89°	75°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 8:32 AM, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Moderate to fresh winds prevail across the Marianas this morning. Scattered showers with a few lightning strikes are over Guam’s northwestern waters as weak trough exits the region. The CNMI is in the wake of this feature, currently under partly cloudy skies and much more shallow convection. Buoys indicate combined seas are 6 to 7 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

onds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Isolated Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F	
Palau	Thunderstorms	28 / 25 °F	
Yap	Scattered Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	28 / 26 °F	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:56 AM	18:33 PM
Thursday	05:55 AM	18:33 PM
Friday	05:54 AM	18:34 PM
Saturday	05:54 AM	18:34 PM
Saturday	06:12 AM	18:12 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	03:30	15:34 PM	-
Thursday	04:08	16:25 PM	-
Friday	04:45	17:15 PM	-
Saturday	05:22	18:05 PM	-
Saturday	06:09	18:31 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	20 / 14 °F	
Beijing	PM Showers	15 / 8 °F	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	29 / 25 °F	
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	28 / 22 °F	
London	Partly Cloudy	15 / 5 °F	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	23 / 13 °F	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	35 / 27 °F	
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	21 / 14 °F	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	27 / 22 °F	
New York	Partly Cloudy	13 / 4 °F	
Osaka	AM Rain	22 / 12 °F	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	20 / 9 °F	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	19 / 12 °F	
Rome	Sunny	23 / 10 °F	
Salem	Sunny	25 / 10 °F	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	16 / 10 °F	
Seoul	Sunny	23 / 9 °F	
Tokyo	AM Thunderstorms/Wind	25 / 14 °F	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	14 / 2 °F	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
05:44 AM	High Tide	1.96	
12:01 PM	Low Tide	0.77	
5:29 PM	High Tide	1.70	
11:48 PM	Low Tide	0.42	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 28, 2022

DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA117	6:40AM	7:20AM	1, 3, 5		UA116	5:00AM	5:45AM	1, 3, 5	
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	2, 4, 6, 7		UA116	8:00AM	8:45AM	6, 7	
					UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	2, 4	
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-GUAM				
PR 111	6:35AM	8:35AM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7		R110	10:35PM	4:35AM+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7	
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau		UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily		UA192	10:25PM	6:05AM+1	5 via Palau	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5	
UA117/183	6:40AM	9:10PM	1, 3, 5 via Guam		MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
UA117/193	6:40AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau		UA184/116	10:40pm	6:16am+1	5 via Guam	
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	2, 4, 6, 7 via Guam		UA184/174	10:40pm	8:46am+1	2 via Guam	
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)					UA184/116	10:55pm	6:16am+1	1, 3 via Guam	
RS112	3:15PM	7:00PM	3, 6		UA184/174	10:55pm	8:46am+1	4, 7 via Guam	
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	4, 7		UA184/116	10:55pm	8:46am+1	6 via Guam	
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6		INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN				
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3		RS111	8:15AM	1:35PM	3, 6	
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6		7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3	
7C3451	2:00PM	5:20PM	3, 7		TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 7	
					OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
7C3452	8:00AM	1:00PM	3, 7						

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA					1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		1205	11:00	11:15	Daily	
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily		1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable	
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily						
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri Daily		1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable	
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily		1208	14:00	14:15	Daily	
					1209	15:00	15:15	Daily	
ROTA TO SAIPAN					1210	16:00	16:15	Daily	
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		1211	17:00	17:15	Daily	
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily		1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable	
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily						
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri Daily		TINIAN TO SAIPAN				
					FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily		2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable	
ROTA TO GUAM									
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		2102	8:30	8:45	Daily	
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable		2103	9:30	9:45	Daily	
					2104	10:30	10:45	Daily	
GUAM TO ROTA					2105	11:30	11:45	Daily	
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable						
					2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable	
SAIPAN TO TINIAN									
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		2108	14:30	14:45	Daily	
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable		2109	15:30	15:45	Daily	
					2110	16:30	16:45	Daily	
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily		2111	17:30	17:45	Daily	
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily		2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable	

Torres launches campaign to promote health and wellness

Beginning the week of May 2, 2022, all Executive Branch employees of the Commonwealth government may take an administrative leave for no more than two hours per week to do personal health and wellness-related activities.

This comes soon after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed yesterday a directive that implement the CNMI Executive Branch's "FIT-TO-LEAD" Health and Wellness Campaign.

Among the personal health and wellness-related activities that Executive Branch employees could apply for Administrative Leave are:

- Vaccinations for COVID-19
- Testing for COVID-19
- Appointments with healthcare professionals such as physicians and counselors
- Screening checks
- Physical fitness and wellness activities

The directive is Directive No. 2022-001.

Official time-keepers must ensure that proper time-keeping is enforced and in compliance with all CNMI Office of Personnel Management policies and regulations. The CNMI Office of Personnel Management shall provide assistance and guidance to the

Office of the Governor and all departments and agencies concerning time-keeping and other related matters concerning this directive and its initiatives.

Each department and agency head shall designate at least one health coach for their respective department or agency. These designated health coaches shall spearhead their department or agency's fitness and wellness plan, which shall include short- and long-term objectives and an implementation strategy that safeguard the continuous and effective delivery of essential government services while championing these critical initiatives.

All department and agency fitness and wellness plans must be submitted to the Office of the Governor by April 29, 2022.

All departments and agencies must ensure that physical and mental fitness and wellness activities are promoted and afforded to all Executive Branch employees. These initiatives shall be given reasonable support to allow each department and agency to successfully execute and sustain their respective programs.

"As we continue to endure in our nationwide battle against the COVID-19 virus,

we must now face the additional challenge of adjusting the ways in which we live our daily lives so that we may transition into a 'new normal,'" said Torres. "...The ongoing pandemic reminds us that the health and wellness of each CNMI government employee is essential to our government's productivity and our community's collective wellbeing and quality of life. As we are well aware, many recent studies have shown that the health and wellness of our CNMI people continue to be adversely affected by unhealthy lifestyle practices such as poor

nutrition, lack of physical activity, increased stress levels, and obesity. Healthcare costs and, more importantly, mortality rates continue to rise in our Commonwealth, largely due to chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer. These chronic diseases can be prevented by adopting healthy lifestyle practices such as getting regular check-ups, seeking advice and treatment from medical healthcare professionals and counselors, and engaging in physical fitness and wellness activities. Similarly, vaccinations and regular COVID-19 testing for our citizens and residents can assist us in containing the spread of the virus and protect us from its severe and life-threatening effects.

"For these reasons, I am determined to implement workplace wellness initiatives to support these important endeavors. By means of these initiatives, my administration hopes to demonstrate the major short-term and long-term benefits that can be gained by our government workforce, its employees, and our community as a whole, when our health and wellness is prioritized and supported," said Torres. **(PR)**

Child care providers learn basic computer technology



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CNMI childcare providers under the CNMI Child Care & Development Fund attend a workshop titled "Technology 101" last April 9, 2022.

A total of 12 CNMI childcare providers attended a workshop last April 9, 2022, where they were taught basic and intermediate skills in Microsoft Word and Google Apps.

The 12 childcare providers under the CNMI Child Care & Development Fund attended the workshop called "Technology 101," which was conducted by Paulette Failauga of Evergreen Learning in Chalan Kanoa. Two of the participants were from Tinian and 10 were from Saipan.

The workshop was a two-part training, with one part focusing on Microsoft Word, a software primarily used for creating documents and media content needed in childcare programs. Throughout this first part, childcare providers were given a hands-on opportunity to develop and learn more on Microsoft Word, including a variety of ways to use the software to enhance efficiency and productivity through time-saving tips and shortcuts.

Providers were given a task to create a personalized newsletter for their program or classroom using different features of Microsoft Word. Newsletters are an efficient means of communication with families for the Reach Higher CNMI, Quality Rating Improvement System Star 1 requirements categorized under Family Engagement and

Strengthening.

The purpose of the second part of this workshop was how to use Google Apps, where providers were tasked to upload their newsletters and share them with others using Google Drive, the cloud-based storage solution that

allows you to save and share files online and access them anywhere from any electronic device. Participants also got a chance to use Google Calendar to create online reminders and meeting invitations, as well as other scheduled events for themselves and others. **(PR)**

SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Office of the Mayor
Municipality of Saipan

NOTICE OF REGULAR SHEFA BOARD MEETING

In accordance with 1 CMC § 9901 et seq., as amended, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board is hereby giving notice of its regular board meeting, to be held on April 26, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., Office of SHEFA conference room, 2nd Floor, CTC Building, Oleai, Beach Road, Saipan.

AGENDA

- Preliminary Matters**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes from February 23, 2022
- Public Comment (s)**
- Committee Reports**
 - a. Committee on Awards
 - b. Committee on Appeal/Deferments/Forbearance
 - c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
 - d. Committee on Program and Development
 - e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative, and Community Affairs
- Administrator's Report**
- Chairman's Report**
- Old Business**
 1. Spring 2022 Application Status
 2. 2022 Budget Proposal
- New Business**
 1. Fund Status for 2022-2023
- Executive Session**
- Miscellaneous Matters**
- Next Meeting**
- Adjournment**

/s/ Oscar M. Babauta,
Chairman, Board of SHEFA Directors

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTONIO SANTOS REYES, Deceased.

JUDGE: JOSEPH NORITA CAMACHO
DATE: Thursday, May 26, 2022
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
COURTROOM: CNMI Superior Court

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE ANTONIO SANTOS REYES OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner Zachary Anthony Manalo Reyes, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Antonio Santos Reyes, Decedent. The attorney for Petitioner is Kimberly Kay King-Hinds, Law Office of Kimberly Kay King-Hinds, whose address is P.O. Box 64, Tinian, MP 96952.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by Zachary Anthony Manalo Reyes, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 10:00am, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the Decedent or his Estate are required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to Kimberly Kay King-Hinds, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2022.

/s/ _____
CLERK OF COURT/DEPUTY CLERK

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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION TO BID
CUC-IFB-22-025

SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR LIGHT VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-22-025, Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicles and Heavy Equipment", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 2:00 PM (ChST, Saipan Time) on April 28, 2022.** Late submissions of Bids will not be considered.

This Invitation for bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of Bid in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. All responses to this Invitation for bids should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the Proponent, awarded a contract.

All Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the Bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a Bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST, Saipan Time) on April 20, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Administrative Technician, Senior at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids submitted shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

USCG cutter visits Suva; hosts shipriders during Operation Blue Pacific

SUVA, Fiji—The crew of U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Munro* visited the Port of Suva, Fiji April 20-24, as part of Operation Blue Pacific. Prior to the port call, five Fijian shipriders representing Fiji's Immigration Department, Ministry of Fisheries, Revenue and Customs, as well as the Fiji Navy, worked alongside the *Munro*'s crew to conduct fisheries boardings in Fijian waters.

During the port call, *Munro*'s crew hosted military and government officials from both Fiji and the U.S. during a media engagement and reception. Capt. Blake Novak, *Munro*'s commanding officer, visited the FMSRCC, Republic of Fiji Navy, that manages maritime surveillance and search and rescue coordination in the region. *Munro*



U.S. COAST GUARD/PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS NATE LITTLEJOHN
Volunteers from U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Munro* prepare to volunteer alongside Fiji Navy members at the Father Law Home, an elder care facility in the Port of Suva, Fiji, April 22, 2022. Volunteers spent the day cleaning and gardening and finished with a resident visit that included singing by both U.S. Coast Guard and Fiji Navy members.

Fiji another tool to patrol and protect its sovereign waters.

The shiprider agreement allows cooperation between both nations to protect the fishing industry and Fijian sovereignty. This will also contribute to regional stability.

The Coast Guard is committed not only to the American people and its national interests, but also other nations, including Fiji and other the Pacific island countries whose governments may be threatened or weakened by rival powers that challenge rules-based international order through inter-state aggression, economic coercion, maritime hybrid warfare, gray zone activities, and overreaching territorial claims.

As part of the U.S. National Security Strategy, the U.S. is committed to advancing a peaceful, free and open Indo-Pacific.

"We are pleased to work with Fiji to combat IUU fishing," said Novak. "Working together, we were able to share technical expertise and ideas on how to improve safety, risk management and develop case packages for evidence preservation. IUU has replaced piracy as the leading global maritime security threat. Systemic disregard to IUU fishing normalizes illegal behavior and erodes governance structures that foster peace and stability."

Through Operation Blue Pacific, the Coast Guard aims to strengthen relationships with like-minded nations. Our shared efforts will improve maritime governance within Oceania, increase capacity for bilateral search-and-rescue and law enforcement and promote shared technical expertise and proficiency.

The Coast Guard combats illegal fishing and other maritime threats across the Pacific. Combating illegal fishing is part of promoting maritime governance and a rules-based international order that is essential to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Munro was the second U.S. Coast Guard cutter to visit Fiji this year, after Coast Guard cutter *Stratton*.

Commissioned in 2017, *Munro* is one of four Coast Guard legend class national security cutters homeported in Alameda. National security cutters are 418-feet long, 54-feet wide, and have a 4,600 long-ton displacement. They have a top speed in excess of 28 knots, a range of 12,000 nautical miles, endurance of up to 90 days and can hold a crew of up to 170. *Munro* is the second cutter named for Signelman First Class Douglas A. Munro, the only Coast Guardsman awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. (*USCG*)

crew members volunteered alongside Fiji Navy members at a local eldercare facility. *Munro*'s crew hosted Fiji Navy members and other partners for a barbecue and ship tour Saturday. Shared interagency recreational activities during the port call included both soccer and rugby matches, and a waterfall hike.

USCGC *Munro* departed from Alameda, California in late March for a multi-month deployment to the South Pacific. The deployment aims to counter illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and strengthen relationships to enhance maritime sovereignty and security throughout the region. Operation Blue Pacific's focus is to lead and promote international efforts that uphold the principles of

security, safety, sovereignty, and economic prosperity in Oceania through operations and engagements to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

In November 2018, Fiji became the latest nation to sign a shiprider agreement, which allows partnering nations' defense and law enforcement officers to embark on U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy vessels to observe, protect, board and search vessels suspected of violating laws or regulations within their exclusive economic zones or on the high seas.

Fiji has an exclusive economic zone of around 1.3 million square kilometers. It is difficult to protect Fiji's sovereign rights for fishing and other economic activities over such a vast area of sea. The shiprider program gives

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP22-CHCC/CGC-014

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 20TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP22-CHCC/HIT-013

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 20TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

"PROCUREMENT OF CHCC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NETWORK EXPANSION"

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DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re General Order

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Notice to Claimants and
Order to Appear

THE COMMONWEALTH JUDICIARY has in its possession certain third party funds, which have remained unclaimed for more than one year. According to court records, the following people may be entitled to have funds returned to them

Name	Case Name	Case Number
1. Zhi Ming Liu	CNMI v. Zhi Ming Liu	98-03112-TR
2. Christina T. Passi	CNMI v. Fritz Jacob Passi	14-0030-CR
3. Thyrone Peter Kileleman	CNMI v. Thyrone Peter Kileleman	20-01244-TR
4. Jonathan Inagio	CNMI v. Jonathan Inagio	20-01315-TR
5. Edward Hocog Jr	CNMI v Edward Hocog Jr	20-00933-TR
6. Manuel Mangarero	CNMI v. Kevin Iginoef	20-01092-TR
7. Savanna Lyn Santos	CNMI v. Jameson P. Hemley	20-01151-TR
8. Ray Patrick D. Camacho	CNMI v. Rodney Deleon Guerrero	19-04230-TR
9. Yong Jian Lu	CNMI v. Yong Jian Lu	16-01117-TR
10. Scott Tae H. Kim	CNMI v. Scott Tae H. Kim	18-0224-TR
11. Young Hee Yoo	CNMI vs. Young Hee Yoo	14-02928-TR
12. Shuncheng Xu	CNMI vs. Shuncheng Xu	19-01049-TR
13. Bo Zhong	CNMI vs. Bo Zhong	16-02153-TR
14. Julieta D. Gascon	CNMI vs. Julieta D. Gascon	19-02588-TR

The aforementioned parties shall have until Friday, October 28, 2022 to make a claim with the Judiciary for the return of these funds. In order to make a claim, parties must complete a form, which is available at the Clerk of Court's window. Upon completion, parties shall submit the original and two photocopies of the form, together with two photocopies of a valid passport and/or government-issued photo identification, to the Clerk of Court located at Door 1 of the Guma Hustisia, limwaal Aweewe on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Claims must be submitted to the Clerk of Court and may be brought from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week. Any funds belonging to the parties named above that remain unclaimed after Friday, October 28, 2022 may be forfeited and turned over to the Commonwealth General Fund. On Friday, October 28, 2022 all parties named above shall appear before Associate Judge Joseph Camacho in Courtroom at the Guma Hustisia, limwaal Aweewe at 10:00 a.m. and await the call of his or her claim by case number and captioned parties. Parties must bring a copy of their claim form with them when appearing for this court proceeding.

/s/ ROBERTO C. NARAJA
Presiding Judge

ENTERED April 27, 2022.

10 UOG graduates receive Latin honor designations

Ten graduates from the University of Guam's Criminal Justice bachelors program hosted through Northern Marianas College received their Latin honor designations at a ceremony last Friday, April 22. Leaders from University of Guam and NMC personally awarded the designation.

Latin honors are a system of Latin phrases (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude) used in some colleges and universities to indicate the level of distinction with which an academic degree has been earned.

Although the 10 students received their degrees last year, the honors were awarded later in this ceremony held last Friday with the personal attendance of representatives from UOG.

The lone student who received the summa cum laude distinction is Josephine Estrada, the magna cum laude honorees are Cornessa Dela Cruz, Leon Lizama, Devin Macaranas, and Joseph Mafnas, and the cum laude honorees are the late Arianne Cabrera, Mikiotti Evangelista, Lorieyn Lacay, Zachary Taitano, and Anjerika Yamagishi.

During the ceremony on Friday, NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, EdD congratulated the graduates who received their honors distinctions.

"Know that when you receive that honor, it's honoring not just your achievement—it's honoring the connections that help you reach that achievement," Deleon Guerrero told the honorees. "You are now connected to the legacy of a Triton family that is 70 years strong and the legacy of a Proa tribe that is



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Ten graduates from the University of Guam's Criminal Justice bachelors program hosted through Northern Marianas College received their Latin honor designations at a ceremony on Friday, April 12. In the photo with the honorees are, from left, top row, University of Guam associate professor of Public Administration Ronald McNinch-Su, executive director for the CNMI Criminal Justice Planning Agency Zerlyn Taimanao, UOG associate director of Global Learning and Engagement Amanda Blas, dDean of UOG's School of Business and Public Administration Annete Santos, Northern Marianas College regent Zenie Mafnas, NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, UOG associate professor of Public Administration John Rivera, and UOG director for Global Learning and Engagement Carlos Taitano.

40 years strong."

Dr. Annette T. Santos, dean of the UOG School of Business and Public Administration, also addressed the honorees and told them that it is an "amazing accomplishment."

"I look forward to celebrating our graduates that have come here today for this Latin honors ceremony," Santos said. "It really is the result of the collective effort of your families, your friends, your support system, and also institutions that care about you. I hope that that spirit of care carries through in the work that you will do as graduates of both our institutions."

Estrada, one of the graduates who received a distinction, said she is grateful for the partnership between UOG and NMC.

"[This cohort] has allowed us to complete our bachelor's degree from home as well as strengthen the relationship

between UOG and NMC," Estrada said. "It is a nice feeling knowing that all of our hard work paid off."

Macaranas, another graduate, was also honored to be a part of the cohort.

"In the near future I intend on furthering my education in criminal justice and utilizing it to give back to my CNMI community through law enforcement," Macaranas said. "I would like to thank the NMC team who made the program happen, namely Professors Zerlyn Taimanao and Joe Taijeron, who provided so much to us as students throughout our academic journeys."

Taijeron and Taimanao were later commended by Admissions chair Dr. Ronald L. McNinch-Su for their hard work and dedication to the criminal justice program.

"This program would not have happened without their hard work," McNinch-Su

said. "It's the administrative backbone that really creates these wonderful things."

'She persevered'

Also honored at the Latin honors ceremony was Cabrera, who posthumously received the distinction of cum laude. Cabrera passed away shortly after receiving her degree last year due to complications from Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer.

At Friday's ceremony,

her family was there to receive her diploma with the distinction.

"We're really proud of Arianne," her mother, Joan Boongaling said. Her stepfather, Ray, shared the same sentiments.

In Deleon Guerrero's opening remarks, he said that Cabrera continued to persevere to get her diploma.

"Despite typhoons, despite a pandemic, despite her own personal health challenges,

she persisted—she graduated," Deleon Guerrero said. "We were so blessed that last year she was actually able to walk at that graduation."

Macaranas said he would also like to express honor and gratitude to Cabrera, whom he considered someone as family.

"She persevered in this program diligently, alongside many challenges she was faced with, and on top of it all, she still managed to be such a great friend as we carried each other throughout all of undergraduate school," Macaranas said. "We graduated together with our associate degree and our bachelor's degree, to which I can attest that Arianne was one of the most hardworking and unselfish people I have ever met. Although she is unfortunately no longer with us today, her strong-willed character will live with us forever."

McNinch-Su also lauded Cabrera in his remarks for her determination to finish her degree.

"She's smart, she was motivated, and a fine and wonderful young person," McNinch-Su said. "I was so impressed and I was very saddened to hear about her passing away." (NMC)



NMC

The family of the late Arianne Cabrera, a graduate of University of Guam's criminal justice program, were present at the ceremony to receive Cabrera's diploma with the distinction. In photo from left is Northern Marianas College president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, NMC regent Zenie Mafnas, Joan Boongaling, Jorianne Cabrera, Ray Boongaling, UOG associate professor of Public Administration Ronald McNinch-Su, dean of UOG's School of Business and Public Administration Annete Santos, NMC state director for the Adult Education Program Lorraine Maui, and NMC Criminal Justice Department chair Clement Bermudes.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†ANGELINA MUNA BORJA QUINATA

On April 23, 2022, Angelina "Angie" Muna Borja Quinata passed away from complications with diabetes and high blood sugar levels. She had just returned on April 21, 2022, to Saipan from Clarksville, Tennessee where she was visiting with family for several months. She was born December 13, 1963, in Tamuning, Guam and grew up on Saipan after her parents returned in 1976. She graduated from Marianas High School and worked as a Bank Teller before deciding to pursue her college education. She attended Eastern Arizona for her Associate Degree and Western Oregon University for her Bachelor's Degree. Returning to Saipan, Angie began her life-long career as a classroom teacher starting at San Vicente Elementary as a 5th grade teacher, then embracing her passion to preserve our native Chamorro language and culture she joined the Bilingual teaching staff at Hopwood Junior High School. Following her official retirement from the CNMI PSS, Angie continued for several more years to be in the classroom working as a Title I teacher at William S. Reyes Elementary School. Angie loved telling stories and jokes to make people around her laugh or not. She loved to sing, but she really sang off-key. But she loved to talk, sometimes repeating the same story to you at least three times in the same conversation. She is preceded in death by her parents Gregorio Flores Borja and Catalina Tudela Muna Borja, and her baby brother Gregorio Muna Borja. She leaves to cherish her memories her brothers and sisters, David (Karen) of Gloucester Virginia, Merced, John Juan (Lhynn), Sebastian, Rosa Borja Kelley (Larry) of Pearland Texas, Jesse (Kellie) of Clarksville Tennessee, Ann Borja Mullarkey (John) of Houston Texas, and Richard (Michelle) of Mesa Arizona; her former husband of 23 years Edward William Quinata. Angie will be at the San Vicente Church on April 29, 2022 for her celebration of life followed by Mass service starting at 8:30 am. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Your thoughts and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ginen I famagu'on ra yan I familia

Good Housekeeping

The beauty of exposed brick

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

For those looking for an industrial chic vibe, exposed brick is often an attractive architectural element. Despite the appeal and beauty, exposed brick has its positives and negatives. How do you hang artwork or mirrors? Should the brick be left raw or should it be painted? Designers have their own do's and don'ts when it comes to maintaining the beauty of brick. Here are some top tips:

DO'S

1. Do use leaning mirrors. Leaning mirrors allow you to add them as a visual element without having to worry about hanging them.
2. Do incorporate other industrial elements into your space such as steel and wood.
3. Do leave exposed brick unpainted if looking to preserve the natural element and appeal of exposed brick.

DON'TS

1. Don't ignore the opportunity to hang artwork. Certain drill bits will allow a screw for hanging purposes.
2. Don't avoid opportunities to showcase exposed brick in interesting ways such as a natural back splash or architectural focal point.
3. Don't paint exposed brick without incorporating a primer, as it will be difficult otherwise to achieve full coverage.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Exposed brick is left untouched in order to enhance an industrial feel.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS

An exposed brick wall serves as the focal point in this bedroom.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Graphic artwork helps to provide an industrial feel in this den space.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS

An exposed brick wall is preserved and highlighted in this industrial kitchen space.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS

A living room with an exposed brick wall is paired with black and brass accents.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS

An exposed brick wall serves as the focal point in this bedroom.

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Life & Style

Depp finishes 4 days on stand; filed lawsuit to ‘fight back’

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP)—Actor Johnny Depp concluded a grueling four days on the witness stand Monday, telling jurors in a calm voice that he filed his libel lawsuit against his ex-wife because it was his best chance to reclaim his reputation, just hours after they heard audio clips of him berating his wife with coarse vulgarities.

“It was the only time I was able to fight back and use my own voice,” Depp said of his decision to sue Amber Heard for a 2018 op-ed piece in *The Washington Post* in which she refers to herself as “a public figure representing domestic abuse.”

He continued to deny that

he ever hit Heard, and accused her of hitting him and throwing items including paint cans and vodka bottles at him. And jurors heard an audio clip of a conversation between Depp and Heard in which she seems to taunt him and suggests he won’t be believed or respected if he were to publicly cast her as an abuser.

“Tell them, I, Johnny Depp, I’m a victim of domestic abuse ... and see how many people believe or side with you,” Heard says on the recording.

Earlier Monday, though, they heard recordings in which Depp referred to the violence that could ensue if their arguments were allowed to escalate.

“The next move, if I don’t walk away ... it’s going to be a bloodbath, like it was on the island,” Depp says on the recording.

In other clips, Depp loudly shouts vulgarities at his wife, calling her a degrading name and yelling, “You stupid f—” at her.

Depp winced on the stand as one of the clips was played; Heard appeared to fight back tears at several points as she listened to the recordings.

Heard’s op-ed never mentions Depp by name, but he argues that he was defamed



Depp

nonetheless because parts of the piece clearly refer to allegations of abuse she made in 2016 when she filed for divorce and obtained a temporary restraining order.

The clips were part of a lengthy cross-examination of Depp that began last week and concluded late Monday morning.

Heard’s lawyers focused throughout the cross-examination on Depp’s drinking, drug use and charged interactions with Heard during their relationship.

During Monday’s cross-ex-

amination, Depp actually said very little. Most of the questioning consisted of Heard’s lawyer playing audio clips or reading vulgar text messages sent by Depp and asking Depp if he’d read them correctly.

Throughout the cross-examination, Depp showed his displeasure with Rottenborn’s questions. When Rottenborn interrupted one response, Depp said, “I was talking.” When Rottenborn said he considered the question to be fully answered, Depp responded, “as long as you’re happy.”

Depp also expressed disapproval as Rottenborn read headlines from a series of negative articles written

about the actor, some dating back to 2014.

“These are all hit pieces. These are dreck,” Depp said.

Rottenborn introduced the articles to try to demonstrate that it was Depp’s long history of bad behavior, not the 2018 *Post* article, that damaged his reputation.

While the libel lawsuit is supposed to center on whether Depp was defamed in the article, most of the trial has focused on ugly details of the couple’s brief marriage. Heard’s attorneys say Depp physically and sexually abused her and that Depp’s denials lack merit because he was often drunk and high to the point of blacking out.

Kylie Jenner testifies she warned brother about Blac Chyna

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kylie Jenner testified Monday that she expressed concerns to her brother Rob Kardashian about his new girlfriend and soon-to-be reality TV co-star Blac Chyna, because she had heard Chyna had a tendency to abuse drugs and alcohol and become violent and had gotten a possible glimpse of it herself.

“I felt it was my duty to express my concerns, but ultimately it was up to him,” Jenner, now 24 and a teenager at the time, said from the witness stand at a Los Angeles trial. She said her brother didn’t heed her warnings, and continued with the relationship.

Chyna is suing Jenner and three other members of the Kardashian family, alleging they defamed her as violent and forced the cancellation of her reality show, “Rob & Chyna,” after one short season.

Both Chyna and Jenner had previous relationships with the rapper Tyga, and Chyna

had a child with him. Jenner said Tyga told her dark stories of his time with Chyna and showed her a 6-inch knife scar he said she gave him while abusing drugs and alcohol, Jenner said.

Jenner said that while dating Tyga, she had received at least one threatening text message from Chyna.

“From what I remember she sent me a bunch of devil emojis, and said something like ‘counting down the days’ until she could beat me or something,” she said. “I didn’t report it, because I assumed they were empty threats.”

Jenner testified that when Rob Kardashian and Chyna began dating in January of 2016, she didn’t trust that Chyna’s love was genuine.

“I felt like me dating the father of her child had something to do with it, and maybe she



Jenner

was out with my brother for other reasons?”

Still, she said, she was cautiously optimistic after they announced in April 2016 that they were getting engaged, and said in May that they were having a

baby together.

“I was happy for my brother at the time,” Jenner said, “but just curious how it would go.”

“Rob & Chyna” would premiere in September, the couple would have a daughter, Dream, in November, and in December they would have an all-night celebration of their show being approved for a second season that turned into a bitter fight.

That dispute, and how violent it may have become, was at the center of testimony from both Chyna and from Jenner’s mother Kris Jenner. Chyna said she was being playful when

she wrapped a phone-charging cord around her fiancé’s neck and grabbed his gun. Kris Jenner, who did not witness the fight, testified through tears that she felt that Chyna had tried to “murder” her son.

Kylie Jenner, whose home the two had been living in, testified that in the aftermath of the fight she saw some of the damage, and remembers her brother being emotionally traumatized, but couldn’t recall seeing any evidence of physical injury.

She definitely came away believing the violence had been serious, she testified.

“He used the words, ‘She was trying to kill me,’” Kylie Jenner said.

Jenner returns to the witness stand on Tuesday.

The two other defendants, Khloé Kardashian and Kim Kardashian, are expected to testify later in the week. Kim Kardashian was not in court Monday for the first time in the six-day-old trial.

Police release videos in probe of Baldwin film-set shooting

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—Law enforcement officials released a trove of video evidence Monday in the ongoing investigation of a fatal October shooting of a cinematographer by actor and producer Alec Baldwin on the set of a Western movie.

Data files released by the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office include lapel camera recordings taken by a commanding officer as he arrives at a film-set ranch where medics are attending to the wounded, with an evacuation helicopter whirring overhead. A search for the gun leads to the the movie production’s armorer, who breaks down in tears.

Other videos show investigators as they debriefing Baldwin within hours of the fatal shooting, talking with him inside a compact office — and rehearsal clips that show Baldwin in costume as he prac-

tices a quick-draw maneuver with a gun.

Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza said in a statement that the investigation by his agency remains open and ongoing as it awaits the results of ballistics and forensic analysis from the FBI as well as studies of fingerprint and DNA.

“The sheriff’s office is releasing all files associated with our ongoing investigation,” he said in the statement. Those files also include photos of ammunition from the set and examination reports.

At a ranch on the outskirts of Santa Fe on Oct. 21, 2021, Baldwin was pointing a gun at cinematographer Halyna Hutchins when it went off, killing Hutchins and wounding the director, Joel Souza. They had been inside a small church during setup for filming a scene.

Mother-in-law brings virus into pregnant woman’s home

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our second child. Our first pregnancy ended in miscarriage, so we were overjoyed to find out I was pregnant again, this time with a little girl. We’ve already given her the name “Mandy.”

Everything was going well until a month ago. My mother-in-law came over for her birthday to have cake. I hadn’t seen her all weekend. Because our relationship isn’t as good as it could be, I didn’t ask her why. Two days later she announced to my husband she had COVID and we should get tested, too. She had spent that entire weekend out, running around, seeing people and going places. Then she came to our home where I was 21 weeks pregnant and doing everything to keep this pregnancy.

I became violently ill for two weeks and, although I recovered, I spent three nights in the hospital because our baby is now suffering from my being sick. I am now on bed rest. We have no option other than getting through day by day to help buy Mandy more time inside to grow. I am struggling with anger and resentment toward my MIL, but I’m trying to stay positive and avoid the toxicity so that Mandy has a fighting chance. When all this settles down, how do I even begin to address this with my MIL?

INCENSED IN THE EAST

DEAR INCENSED: You are doing the right thing now by focusing on your little girl. How you deal with this in the future should be guided by the answer to this question: When your mother-in-law learned you had gotten sick because she exposed you, did she apologize?

If she knew she “had a little something” and came over anyway, let that guide you and your husband in your interactions with her in the future because her judgment is atrocious. If not, try to forgive her for this awful scare and let her build bridges if she’s capable of it.

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DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, I found out my husband of 28 years had a fling with a co-worker. Two weeks after it was exposed, the girl quit. I was devastated, but we reconciled.

During our reconciliation, I learned that five or six years before the affair, my best friend, “Molly,” had made some moves on my husband on an overnight work trip. (She is known to be a little loose.) She was the manager of a seasonal store, and they had to go to another store about five hours away, which entailed staying overnight. He never again mentioned the affair.

I have ghosted Molly ever since. She was my best friend

DEAR ABBY

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since childhood, and I felt it was the ultimate betrayal. As far as I’m concerned, she’s out of my life. She has recently begun sending me requests on Facebook. I know in time she will call again. I don’t want to talk to her, nor do I know what to say. Please help me.

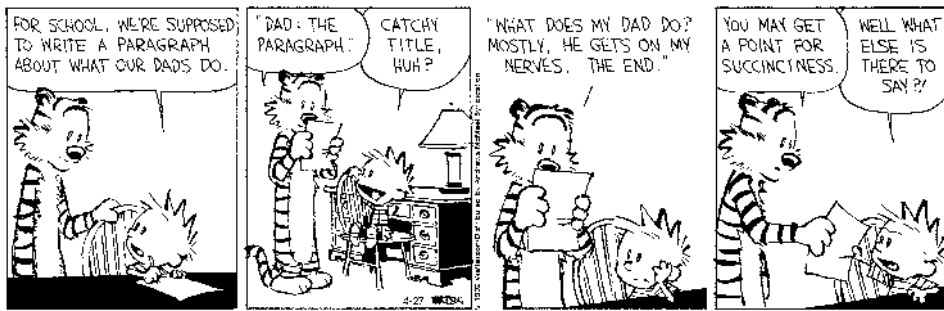
BURNED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR BURNED: Stop hiding. If Molly calls you, accept her call, tell her you know what she did with your husband on that trip, that you feel it was the ultimate betrayal and you do not want to hear from her again. Then end the call.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



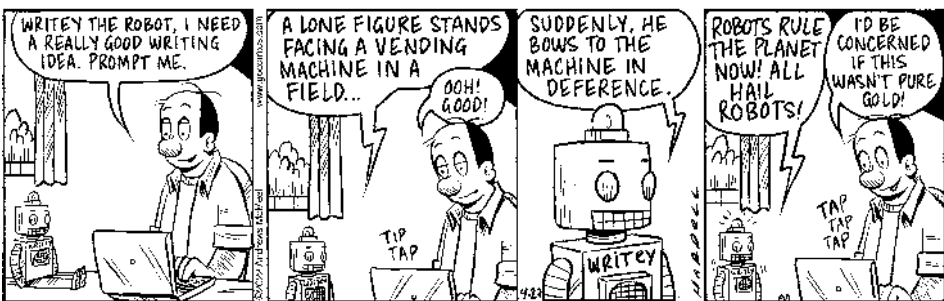
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By Eugene Sheffer

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12 Writer Harper

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14 Wedding cake layer

15 Pie — mode

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Yesterday's answer 4-27

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Austin Dillon, 32; Jenna-Louise Coleman, 36; Patrick Stump, 38; Ari Graynor, 39.

Happy Birthday: The sky's the limit. You have more options than you realize this year. Don't sit back and vacillate when the time is ripe to get things done. Jump into high gear, and work diligently to achieve your long-term goal. Align yourself with people who have vision and an interest in what you are trying to accomplish. Love, romance and personal growth are favored. Your numbers are 7, 18, 24, 33, 35, 41, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Finish what you start. Don't let anyone pressure you or goad you into taking on something that doesn't interest you. Keep a low profile, and do what makes sense and is meaningful to you. Don't let someone's charm mislead you. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A secretive approach to what you are trying to accomplish will help ward off interference. Put everything in place, and take full credit for your accomplishments. You'll surprise someone who doubts you and impress someone you love or admire. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your thoughts and secrets to yourself. Don't give anyone ammunition to use against you. Stay focused on using your skills seamlessly to outmaneuver anyone who gets in your way. Your actions will speak louder than words. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Go the distance, and don't look back. Think big and express your ideas with enthusiasm.

Drive attention to your vision, promote what you believe in and demonstrate what you can do using charm and diplomacy to win favors. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): See others for who they are, and represent yourself with honesty, dignity and grace. Call a spade a spade, and don't let anyone twist your words. Stay on course, and do what matters to you most. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow through with your plans. Trust and believe in what you know and can do, and you'll convince others to see things your way. Invest in your future, update your knowledge and qualifications, and move forward with confidence. Romance is favored. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't put pressure on others when what you want to do is up to you. Concentrate on learning and gaining the experience needed to help you excel. Look for motivation, and talk to people who inspire you. You'll find peace of mind. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the high road and pour your energy into making your surroundings and relationships better. Pursue projects that intrigue you and ignite your imagination. Strive for perfection, uniqueness and making a difference, and you'll find the happiness you desire. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pay attention to what others do or say, but don't get in their way. Assess what you've done and what you have left on your to-do list. Approach life and your responsibilities with intelligence and moderation. Qualify every step you take. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your research and put your plans in motion. Upgrading your surroundings, position or long-term goal will inspire you to work harder and faster. Discuss your plans with someone you respect, and you'll gain insight into possibilities you hadn't considered. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Leave nothing to chance or in someone else's hands. Gather the facts and figures, and map out your plans accordingly. Don't feel pressured by a voice of authority or deadlines that have yet to be determined. Turn limitations into opportunities. Adjust and proceed. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pick up the pace and pursue your dreams. Let your imagination take you on an adventure, and surround yourself with people who share your vision. Live in the moment and make enlightenment, physical improvements and relationships your priorities. Happiness will follow. ***

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, charismatic and playful. You are unpredictable and motivational. ☺: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☹: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☹☹: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☹☹☹: Aim high; start new projects. ☹☹☹☹: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID QUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

EYEBROW SHAPING

Solution: 5 letters

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Celtics complete 4-game sweep of Nets with 116-112 victory

NEW YORK (AP)—Jayson Tatum was stunned, yet certain. He disagreed with his sixth foul but had no doubt the Boston Celtics, with their rock-solid defense, would hold on without their scoring star.

“Couldn’t believe it at all, but I think that’s what we’re built for,” Tatum said.

They might be built for a championship.

Tatum scored 29 points, Jaylen Brown had 22 and the Celtics completed a four-game sweep of the Brooklyn Nets, becoming the first team to reach the second round of the playoffs with a 116-112 victory Monday night.

Marcus Smart added 20 points and 11 assists for the No. 2-seeded Celtics, who made easy work of what was thought could be a tough series. Boston will wait for the winner of the series between Milwaukee and Chicago, where the defending champion Bucks hold a 3-1 lead.

The Celtics showed no fear of the Nets, who with Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving didn’t have the profile of the typical low seed. Boston won on the final day of the regular season instead of losing to fall down the standings and avoid the matchup.

Turns out, there was no reason to worry.

“It’s funny to us, because we don’t duck and dodge anybody,” Smart said. “We knew what we were going to come in here and do.”

Durant had 39 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, breaking free after the Celtics had defended him well in the first three games. But he couldn’t get the Nets the win they needed to extend what instead goes down as a massive failure of a season.

Expected to be an NBA Finals contender, the Nets needed a strong finish just to grab the No. 7 seed.

Seth Curry scored 23 points for the Nets. Irving, whose unavailability for home games much of the season because he isn’t vaccinated against the coronavirus contributed to the Nets performing so far below expectations, had 20 points.

“A lot of stuff that may factor into why we lose, but they were just a better team,” Durant said.

The Celtics were under .500 at the midpoint of their season but went 31-10 from there, with Tatum emerging as the potent scorer on one of the NBA’s best defensive teams.

That defense limited Durant to just 19-for-52 shooting with 17 turnovers through the first three games and made it tough for him, even as he finally got more shots to drop Monday. He was only 13 of 31 from the field, 3 for 11 behind the arc.

He lost in the first round for the first time since 2010



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) reacts as his team holds the lead during the second half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series against the Brooklyn Nets, Monday, April 25, 2022, in New York.

with Oklahoma City, the first playoff series of his career. He had won nine straight first-round series.

Tatum had 12 points in the third quarter and the Celtics opened a 90-75 lead in the closing seconds of the period. But he went to the bench with a fifth foul with 8:17 remaining and the Nets made a push that got them within three points about three minutes later.

Tatum fouled out with the Celtics leading by six with 2:48 to play. Irving made a 3-pointer and Durant scored to cut it to 109-108 with 1:28 remaining. But after a basket by Brown, Durant could only make one free throw and the Celtics rushed down the floor, with Al Horford putting back Smart’s miss to make it 113-109 with 13 seconds left.

With Durant, Irving and James Harden, the Nets began the season as a team that looked potent enough to win their first NBA title. But Irving didn’t play at all to begin the season, and not long after he came back playing road games only, Harden became unhappy and the Nets dealt him to Philadelphia in a trade for Ben Simmons.

The Nets hoped they could have Simmons make his debut for them in Game 4, but he was ruled out Sunday with more pain in his back that has troubled him since not long after arriving in a midseason trade with Philadelphia.

Irving said his emotions were “disappointment, a little sadness, because we didn’t play as well as a team as we wanted to.”

The Nets were down only 45-44 with 3:29 to play in the second quarter. But Grant Williams made three 3-pointers from then until the end of the

half, with the final one giving Boston a 58-50 lead.

Raptors 103, 76ers 88

In Philadelphia, Pascal Siakam gave a pregame pep talk to keep the Raptors calm in a hostile Philly environment where they already lost twice and fell into a playoff hole.

The message was simple: “Listen to our voices.”

How do they like the sound of this? The resilient Raptors are headed home, still with a chance to pull off a series comeback that’s never happened in the NBA.

Siakam had 23 points and 10 rebounds, Precious Achiuwa scored 17 and the Toronto Raptors forced a return home for Game 6 in their Eastern Conference first-round series against Philadelphia, beating the 76ers 103-88 on Monday night.

“We always kind of figure it out,” Siakam said.

Yo, Canada! Once holding a 3-0 series lead, the 76ers are headed back north.

No team has ever blown a 3-0 advantage and lost a playoff series.

The Raptors have won two straight in the series and jumped all over injured Sixers center Joel Embiid and ineffective James Harden to make Thursday night’s game a necessity.

FanDuel Sportsbook has the Sixers favored by 1 1/2 points for Game 6.

Embiid had 20 points and 11 rebounds playing with a thumb injury. Harden scored 15 points on 4-of-11 shooting.

“I was terrible defensively,” Embiid said. “There’s really no explanation. I’ve just got to play with more energy, move my feet better. I’ve just got to be better.”

Rapper and famous 76ers fan Meek Mill pulled his hood

over his head and walked off from his courtside seat late in the game and the home team down 14.

Sixers coach Doc Rivers is dragging the weight of ignominious NBA history with him through customs. Rivers, who led Boston to the 2008 championship, is the only coach in NBA history to blow three 3-1 series leads. The Magic lost to Detroit in the 2003 Eastern Conference first round; the 2015 Clippers blew the series to Houston in the Western Conference semifinals; and in 2020, the Clippers lost to Denver in the West semifinals.

The next season, Rivers was in Philly—and the Sixers lost three games at home as the No. 1 seed and were eliminated in the second round.

The nerves in Philly are suddenly as tight as the rims.

“We never brought the fight to them at the beginning of the game, really,” 76ers forward Tobias Harris said.

The Sixers had a miserable first half. They finished with 10 turnovers and shot 35% from the floor. Philly’s last bucket in the first quarter was one for the bloopier reel: Matisse Thybulle’s missed shot bounced off the rim and was accidentally tipped in by Achiuwa.

Whoops.

Maybe it sparked something for the Raptors. They opened the second quarter on a 12-0 run to take control all while the Sixers missed their first nine shots. The Sixers didn’t score until 6:51 was left in the half. Scottie Barnes scored eight points in the quarter and the Raptors took a 54-41 lead at the break.

“They were the tougher team all night, they were more physical all night,” Rivers said. “I don’t think it was the

second quarter. I thought it was throughout the game.”

The 76ers were booed off the court, their play a bleak reminder of recent postseason flameouts.

“We’ve generated really good shots most of the series,” Raptors coach Nick Nurse said before the game. “We haven’t shot very well yet. I told the guys today, today would be a good day to go ahead and start making some of those open shots.”

The Raptors listened, hovering around 50% for most of the game. They also controlled the boards and scored 20 points off 16 turnovers.

Harden could have used the shooting tip.

Harden played the same night the All-Star he was traded for, Ben Simmons, was inactive for Brooklyn. Harden was barely more visible and missed 6 of 8 shots through three quarters, scoring nine points.

Embiid continued to play with a ligament tear in his right thumb. He looked gassed at times in the third quarter as the Raptors kept attacking the MVP finalist for tough buckets, notably Achiuwa’s driving layup that made it 73-60.

Embiid had his own rallying cry for the 76ers: Get back to the kind of play that earned them the 3-0 lead.

“It’s the same recipe. Don’t turn the ball over. Offensive rebound. We’ve definitely got to be better defensively,” he said. “There’s a reason we won three games in a row.”

Mavericks 102, Jazz 77

In Dallas, Luka Doncic had 33 points and 13 rebounds in his first home playoff game coming off a calf injury and the Dallas Mavericks routed the Utah Jazz 102-77 on Monday night for a 3-2 lead in their

first-round playoff series.

Doncic made his series debut in Game 4 at Utah, when the Jazz scored the last five points in the final 31 seconds for a one-point win that evened the series.

After the first four games were decided by eight points or less, Game 5 was never really close, thanks to Utah’s nearly six-minute scoreless drought in the second quarter that fueled a 22-4 Dallas run on the way to a 52-36 half-time lead.

Game 6 is Thursday night in Salt Lake City, with the Jazz regaining their formidable home-court edge, but facing the long odds of just 18% of teams winning a series after dropping the fifth game when the teams split the first four.

The Mavericks haven’t advanced in the postseason since winning the 2011 championship. Utah is in the playoffs for the sixth consecutive year, but hasn’t gone past the second round.

Jordan Clarkson scored 20 points and Rudy Gobert added 17 points and 11 rebounds in the lowest-scoring game for the Jazz since they lost by 50 at Dallas (118-68) on Nov. 14, 2018. They were 3 of 30 from 3-point range (10%) and shot 38% overall.

Donovan Mitchell, who averaged 30 points in the first four games, scored just nine and missed all seven of his 3-pointers before limping to the locker room holding the area around his left knee in the fourth quarter.

The frustration boiled over for Utah when Hassan Whiteside was ejected following a hard foul on Doncic in the fourth quarter.

Whiteside was assessed two technical fouls after shoving Dorian Finney-Smith and going nose-to-nose with Reggie Bullock as coaches from both sides frantically tried to keep players separated. Finney-Smith and Bullock also got technicals, and Bullock was ejected because it was his second of the game.

Jalen Brunson, who carried most of the offensive load for Dallas when Doncic was sidelined, scored 24 points. Finney-Smith added 13, and Dwight Powell got the crowd going early with all eight of his points on 4-of-4 shooting in the first.

Doncic, his left calf covered in a black wrap under white leggings, kept a raucous crowd rolling with several nifty moves and high-arcing 3-pointers.

The first highlight came late in the first half when Doncic drove all the way to the rim with Gobert guarding him, stopped and faked the 7-foot-1 center several times before turning his back to the basket and spinning a reverse layup off the glass and in as Gobert fouled him.

Arenado's error helps Mets stun Cards 5-2 with 5 runs in 9th



ST. LOUIS
(A P) —

Pinch-hitter Dominic Smith hustled for an infield single that drove in two pivotal runs, and the New York Mets capitalized on an uncharacteristic error by Gold Glove third baseman Nolan Arenado to rally for five unearned runs with two outs in the ninth inning of a 5-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday night.

After the hit by Smith gave New York the lead, Brandon Nimmo capped the outburst with a two-run homer.

"It was worth the wait," Mets manager Buck Showalter said. "It really was. It was fun to watch."

Max Scherzer struck out 10 over seven innings of two-hit ball in a scoreless duel with Cardinals starter Miles Mikolas. A two-run single by Tyler O'Neill off Trevor May (1-0) put St. Louis ahead in the eighth.

New York was down to its final strike when Mark Canha hit a grounder to third. Arenado, awarded a Gold Glove in each of his nine major league seasons, fielded the ball cleanly behind the bag but took his time making an off-balance throw to first.

The ball sailed high for an error that allowed Eduardo Escobar to score from second, making it 2-1. Canha was credited with an infield single.

Jeff McNeil doubled, sending pinch-runner Travis Jankowski to third, and Smith hit a sharp one-hopper that was snagged by sprawling first baseman Paul Goldschmidt behind the bag.

But closer Giovanny Gallegos (0-1) was late covering first, and Smith beat him to the bag with a headfirst dive.

"You try to hustle as hard as you can to beat him. I saw the closer didn't get over right away," Smith said. "I just ran as hard as I could. I knew I had a step on him. I felt slow but I tried to run hard."

McNeil never stopped coming around third and slid in safely at the plate ahead of Gallegos' throw, giving the fired-up Mets a 3-2 lead.

"Dom probably ran the fastest 90 (feet) of his life there," McNeil said. "I knew it would be close at first base. I ended up scoring. It was a lot of fun."

Not for St. Louis, after Gallegos' gaffe proved costly.

"It's pretty simple. We're going to make physical mistakes. That's a mental mistake there," manager Oliver Marmol said. "You can't excuse it. He knows it. We know it. He's got to cover first."

Nimmo then lofted the first



New York Mets' Brandon Nimmo (9) is congratulated by teammate Dominic Smith (2) after hitting a two-run home run as St. Louis Cardinals catcher Andrew Knizner, right, stands at the plate during the ninth inning of a baseball game Monday, April 25, 2022, in St. Louis.

pitch from lefty reliever T.J. McFarland over the fence in the right-field corner.

"A lot of good things went into that ninth," Showalter said.

Edwin Díaz struck out two and earned his second save, rebounding after he gave up a tying homer with two outs in the ninth inning Friday night at Arizona.

Pitching in his hometown, Scherzer reached double digits in strikeouts for the 106th time — which ranks fifth on the career chart. In his first season with the Mets since signing a \$130 million, three-year contract, the three-time Cy Young Award winner has 33 strikeouts and eight walks in 25 innings.

"Tip your hat off to Miles tonight," Scherzer said. "That's baseball. It was a great game. Sometimes you run into a buzz saw and he did his job tonight. I'm pitching on pins and needles there. I have to make every pitch. I was thinking even a solo shot might lose it."

Mikolas also pitched seven shutout innings in his fourth start of the season. He scattered four hits and walked one. The right-hander has allowed just one earned run in his last three starts covering 20 2/3 innings.

"I felt pretty good," Mikolas said. "I mixed my pitches up pretty good. I kept them off balance. My delivery is in a good place. I can move the ball around the zone. If I can control the zone, I can control the counts."

Giants 4, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Luis González hit his first major league

homer, a two-run drive with two outs in the ninth inning that sent San Francisco past Milwaukee.

The Giants went 8-3 on their four-city trip. Their one-game visit to Milwaukee was part of a makeup for a series postponed because of the lockout, and San Francisco will return for a doubleheader in September.

González connected after Wilmer Flores drew a two-out walk from Jake Cousins (2-1).

Joc Pederson hit his sixth homer for the Giants, a two-run blast that made it 2-1 in the eighth.

The Brewers tied it in their half on Willy Adames' homer into the left-field bullpen off Jake McGee (1-1).

Camilo Doval threw a scoreless ninth to record his fourth save in five attempts.

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 2

In Toronto, Bo Bichette broke an eighth-inning tie with his first career grand slam and Toronto beat slumping Boston.

Lourdes Gurriel Jr. and Matt Chapman also homered for the Blue Jays. José Berríos allowed two runs in a season-high seven-plus innings and Adam Cimber (4-0) got three outs for his major league-leading fourth win as Toronto won for the fifth time in six games.

The long balls by Gurriel and Chapman came off Red Sox starter Nathan Eovaldi, who allowed two runs and five hits in a season-high seven innings. Left-hander Matt Strahm (1-1) replaced Eovaldi in the eighth and allowed two baserunners who

scored on Bichette's slam off Tyler Danish.

Dodgers 4, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Walker Buehler tossed a three-hitter for his first career shutout, Will Smith launched a solo homer Los Angeles beat Arizona.

Buehler (2-1) retired 15 straight batters during a brilliant stretch from the fourth inning to the ninth. He walked none, hit one batter with a pitch and struck out 10.

The right-hander threw 108 pitches, getting Christian Walker on a flyball to center

field for the final out as Los Angeles won for the 11th time in 13 games.

Arizona starter Merrill Kelly (1-1) gave up three runs over six innings.

Angels 3, Guardians 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Taylor Ward homered twice and drove in all three runs, Michael Lorenzen pitched six innings of three-hit ball, and Los Angeles beat Cleveland.

Ward delivered a solo homer in the fifth and a two-run shot in the seventh, both off Cleveland ace Shane Bieber (1-1).

Lorenzen (2-1) walked four

Dodgers pitcher Bauer files suit against sex abuse accuser

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer sued the woman who accused him of sexual assault in federal court Monday, in a move that came less than three months after prosecutors decided not to file criminal charges against the athlete.

The San Diego woman, whom the pitcher had met through social media, had alleged that Bauer beat and sexually abused her last year. She later sought — but was denied — a restraining order against him. Los Angeles prosecutors said in February there was insufficient evidence to prove the woman's accusations beyond a reasonable doubt.

Bauer named the woman and one of her attorneys, Niranjan Fred Thiagarajah, as defendants in the lawsuit. The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault.

"She wanted to destroy Mr. Bauer's reputation and baseball career, garner attention for

herself, and extract millions of dollars from Mr. Bauer," the lawsuit states.

Thiagarajah and Marc Garelick, another attorney who represents the woman, did not immediately respond to requests for comment Monday.

Bauer was placed on administrative leave last July 2 under the joint domestic violence and sexual assault policy of Major League Baseball and the players' association. The leave has been repeatedly extended and currently expires Friday.

Bauer has continued to be paid his \$32 million salary while on leave.

After winning his first Cy Young Award with the Cincinnati Reds in 2020, Bauer agreed to a \$102 million, three-year contract to join his hometown Dodgers. He did not pitch after June 29 and finished with an 8-2 record and a 2.59 ERA in 17 appearances. He was paid his \$28 million salary last year.

Bauer's lawsuit states that

but didn't allow a Cleveland runner to reach third while getting sharp defense behind him. Raisel Iglesias pitched the ninth for his third save, completing three perfect innings by LA's bullpen.

Rangers 6, Astros 2

In Arlington, Texas, Marcus Semien and Corey Seager had RBI singles in the decisive seventh inning, Adolis Garcia added a bases-clearing double in the eighth, and Texas beat Houston in the opener of a four-game series.

Pinch-hitter Willie Calhoun opened the Texas seventh with a double off just-in reliever Phil Maton (0-1), who after getting his only out allowed Semien's single that tied the game at 2-2.

Matt Moore (1-0) worked a scoreless seventh before Matt Bush and Joe Balow each pitched an inning. Starter Dane Dunning struck out five and allowed two runs in 5 2/3 innings.

Phillies 8, Rockies 2

In Philadelphia, Bryce Harper homered and drove in two runs, Rhys Hoskins had three hits and the Philadelphia took advantage of several defensive miscues by Colorado.

Kyle Schwarber added two RBIs for the Phillies. Kyle Gibson (2-1) lasted 5 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on three hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

Connor Joe and Randal Grichuk homered for Colorado. Kyle Freeland (0-3) allowed four runs—one earned—and six hits in five innings.

"the damage to Mr. Bauer has been extreme" after the woman alleged that he had choked her into unconsciousness, punched her repeatedly and had anal sex with her without her consent during two sexual encounters last year.

The pitcher has repeatedly said that everything that happened between the two was consensual in the nights they spent together in last April and May at his Pasadena home. He said the two engaged in rough sex at her suggestion and followed guidelines they agreed to in advance. Each encounter ended with them joking and her spending the night.

Last month, Bauer filed a defamation lawsuit against The Athletic and a former reporter, accusing them of "creating and spreading the false narrative" that he fractured the woman's skull.

"We're confident in our reporting and plan to defend against the claim," Athletic spokesman Taylor Patterson previously said in a statement.

Chamber extends kudos to four more sponsors



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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce took the opportunity to thank four more sponsors of its upcoming annual golf tournament, which serves as one of its largest fundraisers that supports its scholarship program.

The Chamber thanked Bank of Guam for being the official 2022 Saipan Chamber of Com-

merce Annual Golf Tournament Gold Sponsor. It also extended its gratitude to Assurance Broker Inc. for signing up as an official 2022 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament Silver Sponsor. Also in the mix is Island Training Solutions, which is the official 2022 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament Bronze Sponsor. Last but not the least, the Chamber also thanked Joeten Motors for being an official 2022 Saipan Chamber of

Commerce Annual Golf Tournament Hole-In-One Sponsor.

Earlier, the Chamber named as its gold sponsor TakeCare Insurance Inc. and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and Atkins Kroll as Hole-In-One sponsors.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament is set for this Saturday, April 30, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort west course.

As already mentioned, the annual fundraising event pro-

vides financial support for the Chamber's scholarship program, which awards local students seeking higher education to better contribute to the CNMI community, and other Chamber programming opportunities.

The Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament will be using a two-person scramble format.

Golfers of different skill levels will have a chance to win amazing cash prizes in the two categories, which are Team Gross and Team Double Peoria.

First place gets to take home \$800, while second place and third place pockets \$650 and \$500, respectively.

In addition, golfers have the opportunity to add a little competition with optional play contests for a chance to win \$150 in cash prizes per contest. Golfers will also enjoy complimentary swag bags courtesy of the Chamber members, on-course snacks and refreshments, and post-tournament refreshments. Showtime for the Chamber's

two-person scramble Annual Golf Tournament is at 6am and a shotgun start at 7am.

For more information about the Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament or the Chamber itself, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saipanchamber, visit their office in the Marianas Business Plaza Room #413 (Susupe), or contact Franco Santos at coordinator@saipanchamber.com or call our office at (670) 234- 7150.

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the powerful strokes of Aarman Sachdev to win the boys 18 finals, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5. The Saipan International School senior said considering it was his first off-island competition in a couple of years, he was happy with the result.

"It feels great to be able to win this tournament especially because the finals was a very hard-fought match. I feel like I was very mentally tough this tournament," he said.

Kwon, meanwhile, defeated former CNMI resident Andy Cajigan, 6-1, 6-4, in the boys 16. The 15-year-old freshman at Mount Carmel School said winning his division was another blessing following the op-

portunity to compete in Guam.

"I was very excited to play in Guam and I'm so happy for winning the boys 16. I was just trying my best to win all the time," he said.

Yu, for his part, was just glad that all his efforts paid off with the boys 14 championship following his 7-5, retirement victory against Jacob Hsiao.

"I was not very consistent but I was happy that I won the tournament. I also want to say sorry to the other finalist. I made him run too much and he got injured."

In the girls 14, Chung slid past fellow CNMI netter Hoo Wang, 6-3, 7-5, and said it really felt great playing in an off-island tournament again.

"It was a really good experience finally getting to play dif-

ferent players in two years. I really like the courts there since they are very clean and smooth. I am looking forward for the North Pacific Regional Championships on July," she said.

Four CNMI junior netter, meanwhile, advanced to the semifinals of the B12 division with Yutaka Kadokura eventually coming out on top following a 6-2, 6-1 win against Ian Chae. The other semifinalists in the age group were Eamon Tang and Ryan Choi.

Among the younger competitors Lina Tsukagoshi gave up just five games in four sets of the round-robin competition in the girls 12 division and won her matches easily, 6-1, 6-0, and 6-3, 6-1, according to Race.

The CNMI came one division shy of sweeping the ju-

Guam yearly tournament between the islands' respective sports teams that the Northern Marianas Sports Association has recently championed.

"NMSA president Jerry Tan has encouraged all sports to develop an annual competition between the CNMI and Guam to give our athletes something to train for besides the quadrennial events and we accomplished that this weekend."

As far as results went, Guam swept the men's and women's divisions with the CNMI's southern neighbor even making the semifinals an all-Guam affair.

In the men's side, Beach Bums of Ryan Eugenio and Anthony Santos defeated Guam Coaches of Dave Rillera and Manny Guarin in the finals, 21-17. The women's championship, meanwhile, saw K Squared of Kendra Byrd and Kristen Serrano get the better of Beach Bums of Kara Eugenio and Jeneal Besabe in a tight one, 22-20.

The CNMI's Salty Digs of Tyce Mister and Chris Nelson and Sideout Saipan of Kathy Winkfield and Charnessa Lizama came in third in the men's and women's divisions, respectively.

"Although we didn't get the results that we wanted competition wise, we learned quite a bit in competition planning, organization and logistics and that in itself was the main goal of hosting the Marianas Cup again. The data we've gathered is an important tool we'll use to fine tune everything before the Mini Games. I am grateful to the NMPMG2022 team for giving us this opportunity to host a great tournament and learn from it to ensure that the beach volleyball event at the NMPMG 2022 is an even better and bigger success," said Quan.

A total of 22 teams—evenly split among the men and women—took part in the 25th Marianas Cup: Battle of the Beach.

niors as Hye Jin Elliot took an early lead in the girls 18 finals, but her opponent, Sidney Packbier, worked her way back to win, 7-6, 6-4.

Despite the loss, the SIS student took everything in stride. "It was a great experience to be able to challenge other players," she said.

Overall, Race was elated on the showing of his wards in the 2022 Chamorro Open Tennis Tournament

"I'm super proud of this

NMI team. In their first off-island competition in three years our junior players took on Guam's best in seven events, winning six," he said.

He also described Woo's win against Sachdev as "the most dramatic match of the tournament" and said he also was impressed with Kwon's stamina. "That final was David's third match of the day. Also the best I've ever seen him play," he said.

The CNMI National Ten-

trick, while Briannie Echalo posted the other goal for the leading team. Alyssa Borlongan recorded the lone goal for Matansa.

MP United 3, Kanoa-2 2

Allie Brasuell powered MP United past Kanoa-2 in a close match.

Brasuell nailed the go-ahead goal in the 23rd minute to complete her hat trick, while Roxlyn Ferrer made both goals for Kanoa-2.

Kanoa-1 4, Paire 2

In another tight game, Kanoa-1 edged Paire.

Elikristiana Iglecias scored two goals for Kanoa-1, including the game-winner in the second half. Yellynn Ha also had twin goals for Kanoa-1, while Betrice Gross registered all three goals for Paire.

TanHoldings-1 2, TanHoldings-2 2

TanHoldings teams settled for a draw in their last weekend's duel.

Xyriel Pascual knocked in the game-tying goal for TanHoldings-1, which got its other goal from Shaina Malonzo. TanHoldings-2's goals came from Breanna Lopez and Orica George.

KANOA

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Anthony John Bergancia anchored TanHoldings' easy win after firing five goals.

Minul Hoque contributed two goals, while Morico Claridades chipped in one for TanHoldings, which now has a 6-0-1 slate, one win ahead of MP United (5-1-1) and Kanoa (5-1-1).

Matansa absorbed its fifth loss, as only Jerome Mettao scored for the team.

Kanoa 15, Shirley's 2

Kanoa stayed close to TanHoldings following a lopsided victory over Shirley's.

Markus Toves crushed Shirley's, as he delivered seven goals in the match, while Leland Deleon Guerrero tallied four. Shirley's two goals were courtesy of Benneton Haro and Branson Jay Santos.

In other results in the division, MP United was handed a win via forfeiture against Paire.

GIRLS U13 DIVISION

Southern 4, Matansa 1

Southern United FC notched victory No. 6 after topping Matansa.

Rosie Saralu lifted Southern United to the win with her hat-

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Minnesota	8	8	.500	
Cleveland	7	9	.438	1
Chicago	6	9	.400	1½
Detroit	6	9	.400	1½
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West Division

Seattle	10	6	.625	
Los Angeles	10	7	.588	½
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Houston	7	9	.438	3
Texas	6	10	.375	4

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East Division

New York	13	5	.722	
Miami	7	8	.467	4½
Atlanta	7	10	.412	5½
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	5½
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Central Division

St. Louis	9	6	.600	
Milwaukee	10	7	.588	
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	1½
Chicago	7	9	.438	2½
Cincinnati	3	13	.188	6½

West Division

Los Angeles	12	4	.750	
San Francisco	12	5	.706	½
Colorado	10	6	.625	2
San Diego	10	7	.588	2½
Arizona	6	11	.353	6½

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CNMI tops 6 of 7 junior events in Guam



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The CNMI delegation to the Chamorro Open Tennis Tournament poses for a group photo with Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race, third row left, after winning six of seven junior division last weekend at the Guam National Tennis Center in Dededo.

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CNMI junior netters didn't disappoint in their first off-island competition in three years after winning six out of seven divisions in the 2022 Chamorro Open Tennis Tournament held over the weekend at the Guam National Tennis Center in Dededo.



Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race said among the division winners were Jimin Woo (boys 18), David Kwon (boys 16), June Yu (boys 14), Irin Chung (girls 14), Yutaka Kadokura (boys 12), and Lina Tsukagoshi (girls 12).

Woo fought off cramps and
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NMIVA completes 'test run' for Mini Games

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Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association passed its "test run" for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games

2022 with flying colors after successfully holding the 25th Marianas Cup: Battle of the Beach last weekend at the Crowne Plaza Resort sand courts.

NMIVA president Somia

Quan said they have always organized the Marianas Cup in the past but in a grander scale with several teams from off-island and at one time attracted professional

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The Top 3 teams in the men's and women's divisions of the 25th Marianas Cup: Battle of the Beach pose for a group photo after the tournament last Sunday at the Crowne Plaza Resort sand courts.

Kanoa FC stays perfect

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Stacy Arriola and Jackie-lynn Calage.



Kanoa Football Club's girls U16 squad remains the only unbeaten team in the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 following its 5-3 triumph over closest rival Southern United FC last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Kaithlyn Chavez scored a hat-trick for Kanoa, while Mia Abuan added a pair to give their squad an unblemished 6-0-0 win-draw-loss record in the five-team girls U16 division. Kanoa is looking at winning its last two games in the double-round robin play for a perfect regular season.

Tamia Hix, Megan Elayda, and Summer Manahane hit the board for Southern United, which missed in its attempt to join Kanoa on top of the division after falling to a 4-0-2 mark.

In other results, Paire FC and Shirley's FC had a draw.

Teneasha Diaz made the equalizer for Paire in the 50th minute, while Ayana Hayes nailed the other goal for the team. Shirley's, on the other hand, got its twin goals from

BOYS U16 DIVISION
TanHoldings 8, Matansa 1
TanHoldings kept its hold to the top spot in the division after routing Matansa.

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MICHAELA PANGANIBAN

Southern United Football Club's Vaniqa Torres, left, battles Kanoa FC's Kaithlyn Chavez for the possession during their girls U16 division game in the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



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